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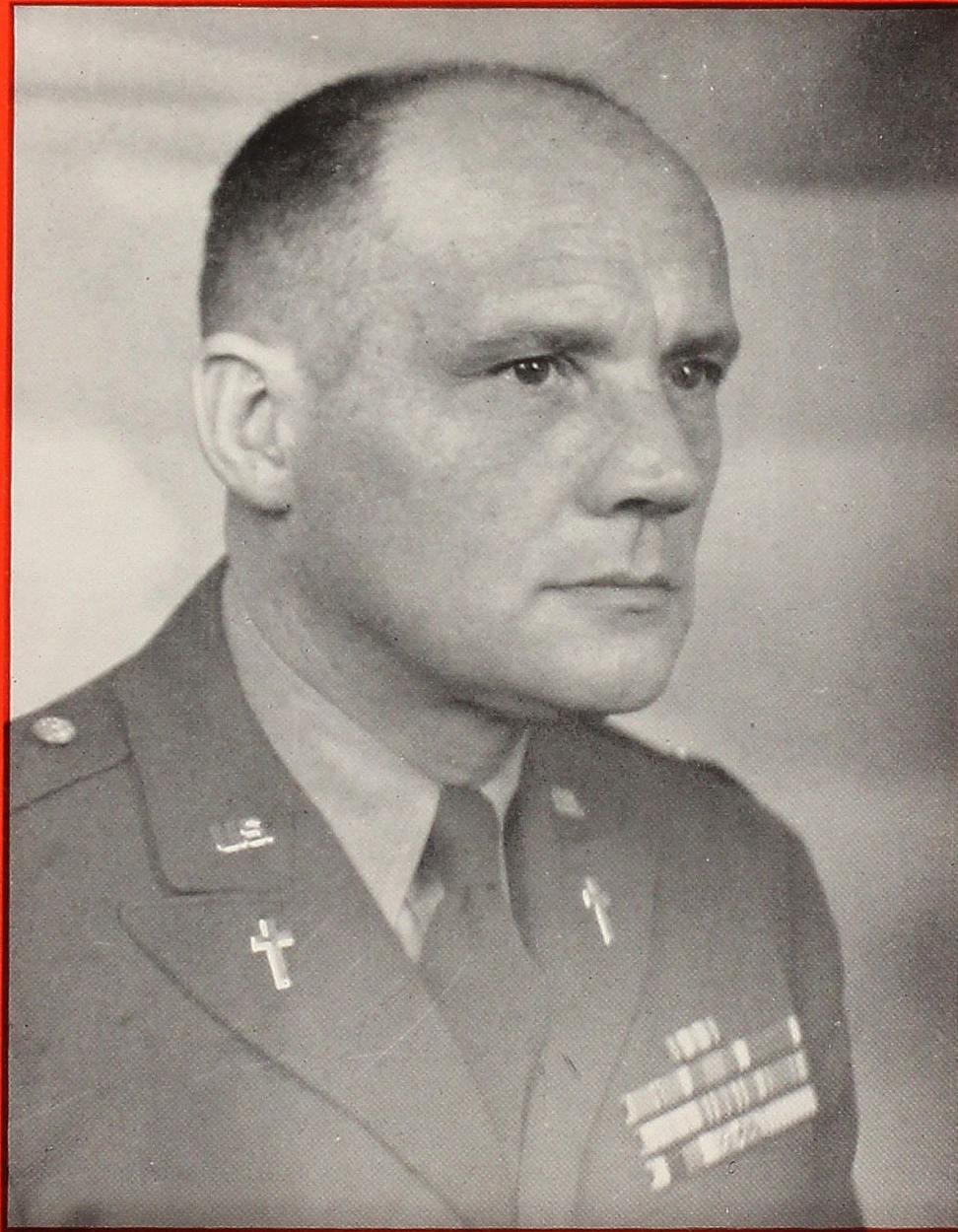
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Chaplain of the Year

By Prof. Henry E. Schoon '15

U.S. Army Photo.



Major David M. Reardon '32 was named by the Army as its outstanding chaplain of the year, in ceremonies held in the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York City, on the anniversary of the sinking of the S. S. Dorchester. This troop transport was torpedoed on February 3, 1943. Four never-to-be-forgotten chaplains gave their lifebelts to troops who were on board, and their heroic sacrifices have been acclaimed as the noblest deeds of World War II.

Each year a chaplain who best exemplifies the spirit of these brave men is selected from the Army, the Navy and the Air Force, is given a special commendation and presented with a cash award of \$500 given by the B'nai B'rith.

In presenting the award, Major General Roy H. Parker, Chief Chaplain of the Army, said in part: "We are pleased to know that your service in the past year was of such a nature that it has merited this special recognition, and we rejoice with you knowing that the love of God has always motivated your activities in the interest of your fellowmen. You have reason to feel deep satisfaction in your accomplishments and we believe your past record will be an incentive to ever greater service to God and country . . ."

Chaplain Reardon, a native of Buffalo Center, Iowa, received his education in schools of the Reformed Church: The Pleasant Prairie Academy, Hope College and New Brunswick Theological Seminary. At the outbreak of World War II he was minister of the Washington Reformed Church at Ackley, Iowa. When one after another of the young men of his church was called into the service, Rev. Reardon felt that he, too, must go to minister to young men away from home, even though it meant leaving his

family and his beloved parish.

During World War II he served in the Asiatic Pacific Theatre, as well as in the Aleutians. After his return to the United States he was sent to Europe where he spent three years with the Armed Cavalry in Bavaria. His knowledge of the German language enabled him to be an ambassador of good will while contacting the ministers and people of that war-torn country.

When Korea burst into the flames of war, he was at Fort Benning. The 15th Infantry of which he was a chaplain was sent to the Orient. His regiment was landed at the Port of Wonson, Korea, north of the 38th parallel. He accompanied his troops in the successful rescue mission which drove through heavy Red attacks to link with the marines retreating from the Changjin Reservoir. The troops, under heavy pressure by the Chinese hordes that swept down from the Yalu, fought their way to the historic Hungam beachhead, where the complicated evacuation took place. Chaplain Reardon was among the last group of men to leave the beachhead.

Later he went with his men as they fought their way from a southern port back to Seoul, enduring with them all the hardships of a cold winter and battle conditions. He held services in first-aid stations or wherever he could get his men together. He was not a back area chaplain, but was always found where he could give comfort and inspiration to the frontline soldier. While helping lift a wounded soldier upon a stretcher, he himself was wounded by an enemy sniper. It was typical of him to scorn personal danger if he could be of comfort and help to his men.

The Fort Devens Dispatch proudly ac-

claims him as one of the most decorated clerics of the Army, but with characteristic modesty he says that he did only what any other chaplain under similar circumstances would have done.

At present Chaplain (Major) Reardon is stationed at Fort Devens, Massachusetts. He lives with his wife Hermina, and children—Patricia, age 13; David, age 11, and Michael, age 9, in quarters on the post.

Editor's note: The significance of this award is two-fold for Hope College alumni and former students. One of the chaplains who went down in heroic manner on the S.S. Dorchester was Clark Poling who was a student on our campus from 1929 to 1931.

COMMENCEMENT DATES

The Board of Trustees will meet on Friday, June 6; Alumni Day will be Saturday, June 7; Baccalaureate, 2:30 Sunday afternoon, June 8; and Commencement at ten o'clock a.m. on Monday, June 9.

HOPE POET PUBLISHES NEW VOLUME

APRIL FAITH is the name of the most recent collection of verse by Phillip Engel '31 (see Alumni Magazine, July, 1951). The poems in this collection, recently published, deal with a variety of scenes, personalities and moods. The title is taken from the first poem in it, in which Phillip strives to show the rebirth of another life after the rigors of winter. The poem concludes as follows:

April faith. That is ours,
A faith that shines like crystal sky
Like dew-flakes on Aprilian flowers
Here is faith to journey by.

In the Armed Forces

HOPE ALUMNUS AWARDED DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

LCDR Fred S. Bertsch, Jr., USN, who is currently serving on the staff of Commander Fleet Air Wing FOURTEEN, Naval Air Station, San Diego, California, was recently awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for outstanding performance of duty. The citation was awarded by Vice Admiral C. Turner Joy USN, Commander Naval Forces, Far East, for Bertsch's participation in aerial missions against hostile forces during the period August, 1950 to February, 1951. LCDR Bertsch served with a patrol squadron of "Martin's Mariners," in the Korean area. He was executive officer and a Plane Commander in Patrol Squadron FORTY TWO during 1950-51.

Besides the Distinguished Flying Cross, LCDR Bertsch is entitled to wear the following medal ribbons: Air Medal with one gold star; American Defense with Fleet Clasp; Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Medal with four stars; American Area Medal; World War II Victory Medal; Navy Occupation Service Medal; China Service Medal; Korean Service Medal with three stars and the United Nations Medal.

After graduation from Hope in 1941 he joined the naval services. He served on destroyers throughout World War II from Alaska to New Caledonia and the South Pacific. In 1948 he was assigned to flight training at Pensacola, Florida and received his wings at Corpus Christi, Texas, December 16, 1949.

Since his tour of duty in Korea, he has been an assistant training officer of ships with Commander Fleet Air Wing 14.

LCDR Bertsch will be transferred some time in June or July to either Pensacola, Florida, or Corpus Christi, Texas.

Mrs. Bertsch is Lorraine Timmer '42. They have two daughters, Susan, 6, and Martha Ann, 3. The family will be on furlough in Holland in June or July.



LCDR Fred S. Bertsch, Jr., USN.

IN THE ARMED SERVICES

1st Lt. Walter J. Macak ('41N), Hq. The Southeastern Signal School, Camp Gorgon, Georgia. Branch: Army Security. Assignment: Training officer.

Pvt. Max V. Frego ('50) 55188023, Enl. St. Det. No. 1, G163, CIC Center, 8579 AAU, Fort Holabird, Baltimore 19, Maryland.

Pfc. Allyn N. Stillman ('50) US 51087832, 9710 TSU Chemical Corps., Detachment No. 3, Army Chemical Center, Maryland.

Pfc. C. Keith de Jong ('50) 1213002, c/o Chaplain's Center, Box 366, Parris Island, S. C. Branch: Marine. Assignment: Chaplain's Asst.

Pvt. Maurice Ver Helst, Jr. ('51) AF 164032021, Sqd. 3702, Flight 293, Lackland A.F. Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Corp. Gordon T. Cramer ('53) RA-16363831. Mash 8055 AU. APO 301 c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif. Assignment: Korea, Mobile Army Surgical Hospital unit.

Fred Brieve '50, OCSR, Officer Candidate Company G-3, USNTS, Newport, Rhode Island.

Pvt. Robert S. Van Dyke, US 552107-92, Co. E. Stu. Bn. ASATR, 8622 AAU, Ft. Devens, Mass., assignment school in Security Agency.

Pvt. Donald L. Van Ingen, 55212206, Co. K. 13th Inf. 8th Inf. Division, Fort Jackson, S. C.

Roy D. Zwemer, 512 N. 11th St., Manhattan, Kansas, assignment, Personnel.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayo Hadden '38 and Mrs. Hadden, Merry Loraine, Nov. 21, Virginia Beach, Va.

Jack '38 and Thelma Kooiker '39 Leenhouts, James Scott, Oct. 12, Holland.

Robert '47 and Ellen J. Kooiker '44 Barkema, Karen Jane, Feb. 1, Holland.

Frederick Miller, Jr. '47 and Mrs. Miller, Frederick John III, Jan. 18, East Lansing.

Gordon '50 and Martha Debbink '51N Beld, Dala Joan, December 14, Grand Rapids.

Clare and Evelyn Wierda '33 Monroe, Joanne Elizabeth, Oct. 8, Pittsford, Mich.

John Hains '42 and Mrs. Hains, Carol Jean, December 1, Fremont, Mich.

Edward '50 and Mary Lou Hepp '49 Dunning, Barbara Louise, December 18, Lafayette, Ind.

Vergil '49 and Shirley Leslie '49 Dykstra, Leslie Fran, December 24, Schenectady, N. Y.

Irwin J. Jr. and Jean Snow '49 Lubbers, Robert David, December 24, Lansing, Mich.

James '42 and Mrs. Baar, Deborah Eunice, February 10, Holland, Mich.

Harold '49 and Mrs. Kammeraad, Bruce Evert, January 14, Raritan, Illinois.

Marcia Hubers '45 and Donald Zwiep, Joan Louise, January 22, Fort Collins, Colo.

Bruce and Elaine Meeusen '49 De Pree, Deborah Gayle, March 11, Muskegon.

Paul '48N and Lois Rameau '50N Kleis, Timothy John, March 7, Kalama-zoo.

Gerald '51 and Jeanne Mihaly '49 Van Wynen, Ellen, March 8, Somerville, N. J.

Virgil '39 and Mrs. Beld, Douglas John, February 20, Grand Rapids.

Cornelius '39 and Ruby Carpenter '41N Steketee, Mary Cornelia, Feb. 16, Grand Rapids.

Gerard '49 and Verladynne Saunders '45 De Loof, Timothy Wayne, August 6, 1951, Holland.

James '50 and Nancy Durkin '51N Pfingstel, Cynthia, February 25, Holland.

Henry '50 and Mrs. Kieft, Gwen Mary, March 22, Oak Park, Illinois.

Harry '50N and Irene Wade Harter, Rene Elise, January 12, Holland.

Joyce Mulenburg '49 and Alfred Bender, Daniel William, December 15, Elba, N.Y.

Don '48 and Barbara Bilkert '47 Mulder, Michele, February, Baltimore, Md.

•1942. Rev. Blaise Levai received with honor a Doctorate in Education at the University of Michigan in February. He is minister of the Community Church in Willow Run, Mich. Mrs. Levai, Marian Korteling '47, will finish her internship in July. They plan to leave for India late in 1952.

CONCERNING THE JANUARY ISSUE

We have been informed that at least eight of our graduates who are engaged in the profession of Higher Education were not included in the last issue of the Alumni Magazine. We are grateful for this information. If you know of any who were not included will you please send us the name and we will be delighted to publish this group in a forthcoming magazine, and thus have our records and yours complete in this field.

Hope Man Translates Dutch Trilogy



C. L. Jalving, prep '13, translating Dutch book which describes early days of Hope College.

During the summer of 1950 my wife and I made a trip to Europe and spent several weeks in the Netherlands. At the request of Willard Wichers, of the Netherlands Information Bureau, I called on P. J. Risseeuw, noted Dutch novelist. In 1947 he had completed and published two books, "Vrijheid en Brood" (Freedom and Bread) and "De Huilende Wildernis" (The Howling Wilderness), historical novels which describe the religious and economic backgrounds in the Netherlands that culminated in the emigration of thousands of Dutch people to America. These two books deal with the years 1834-1852 and the establishment of Dutch colonies in Michigan, Iowa and Wisconsin. His latest book, "Ik Worstel en Ontkom" (The Fight for Victory) appeared in the fall of 1951 and deals with the experiences of the Dutch immigrants during the years 1852-1876, the year of Van Raalte's death. This completes the trilogy.

During the course of our conversation Mr. Risseeuw mentioned that he was anxious to have the books published in English but hadn't found anyone who was willing to tackle the translation. I hadn't even read the books but did so as soon as I got home. They were interesting to

me as a second generation Hollander and I agreed to attempt the translation. Using all of my spare time for several months, the manuscripts were completed. During the past winter I translated the latest book. The books are rich in historical data and reflect a tremendous amount of research, both in the Netherlands and from American sources, on the part of the author. The real-life characters are vividly portrayed, especially Van Raalte, Van der Meulen and Scholte. Van Raalte was a man of vision. The battle to fill the material needs of the colonists; his realization that schools were absolutely essential; his fight to establish an academy for higher education; his campaigns to raise money for that purpose; the early history of the Academy which in 1862 became known as Hope College; his troubles because of religious dissension—all make interesting reading.

The majority of the second, third, fourth and fifth generation of descendants of these Dutch pioneers are unfamiliar with this early history. However, we must realize that we, as Americans, are today enjoying the fruits of their vision and efforts. Hope College stands as a monument to Van Raalte's unflagging zeal, and as one of his crowning achieve-

ments.

Before the books are published in English, some revisions and condensations may have to be made to speed up the tempo of the books, thus adapting them to American reading habits. It is our hope they may be read by many. My motive in making the translations was, primarily, to give the present generation some interesting reading material and an appreciation of the rich heritage they have.

C. L. Jalving

PIETER JOHANNES RISSEEUW

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The Hague, Netherlands

Author of the Dutch Emigration Trilogy translated into English by C. L. Jalving.

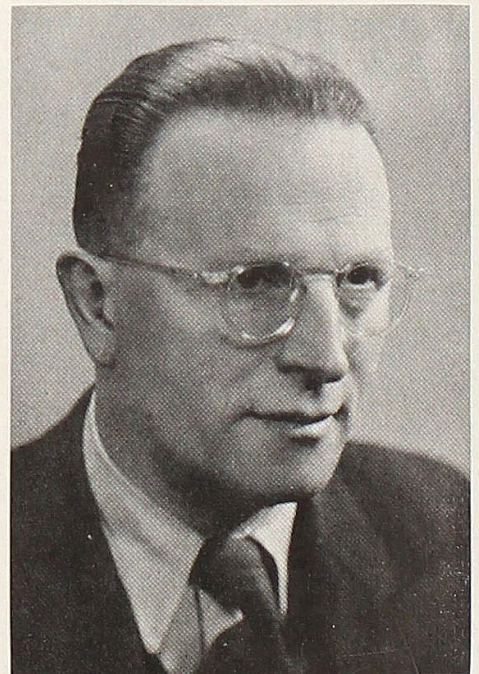
Mr. Risseeuw, employed in a banking institution in The Hague, began his writing career at the age of 15, in 1916. In 1918 he founded the Dutch periodical "Opgang," and was one of the founders of the literary magazines "Opwaartsche Wegen" in 1922 and "Ontmoeting" in 1945.

This author was not in a position to publish his works during the war years because he refused to join the German "Kultur Kammer" in 1941. He devoted these years to the study of the Emigration of 1847, leaders of which were Van Raalte, Scholte and Van der Meulen. From 1941 to 1951 he wrote his three novels on the subject of these Dutch settlements in Michigan and Iowa.

"Vrijheid en Brood," the first volume, deals with the motives for emigration, the voyage and the arrival in America.

In the second volume "De Huilende Wildernis," the initial difficult years of the settlement are described.

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Hope Men in Science



Martin E. Cupery '24, the man "Who Calls the Signals" in Du Pont's campaign to discover "better things for better living—through chemistry."

Martin E. Cupery, who has so many patents and joint inventorships to his credit that he has lost count of them, is a senior chemist with Du Pont Chemical Company. He is described in the February issue of "Industrial and Engineering Chemistry" (page 11A) a publication of the American Chemical Society, as the senior chemist who "calls the signals while the whole team makes the touch-downs."

Dr. Cupery's modest comment on this epithet is: "For nearly 21 years it has been my privilege to 'call the signals,' but without the loyal cooperation of my fellow workers most of the results would not have been possible."

Here are a few of the high spots of Dr. Cupery's career with Du Pont since 1931:

1. Assisted in the development of Neoprene, the first synthetic rubber produced commercially—by Du Pont.

2. Discovered the process now used commercially for the manufacture of Sulfamic Acid and its derivatives. These Products are now being produced on a large commercial scale. This chemical goes into Du Pont's "Ammate" weed-killer and is also the basic ingredient in "Fire-Retardant C." This latter commodity was used during World War II to

flame-proof cellophane capes, carried by every soldier to be used as a shelter in case of a gas attack. It is also used to flameproof workmen's clothing in munitions factories—has saved a number of lives. There are also numerous other uses of Sulfamic Acid.

3. Made the first experimental nylon bristles and assisted in the early phases of this development.

4. Discovered a new type of rapid-drying finish which proved very useful in World War II for high-speed painting of tanks, trucks and army equipment. This product went into well over \$10 million worth of finishes for the government.

5. Recent developments are still in the experimental stage. At least one of these appears headed for commercialization but it will take from three to five years to reach commercial scale volume.

"Reward For Work" Comment:

"Several years ago, while I was visiting a research laboratory connected with a plant manufacturing special explosives for the government, I was told about a serious 'powder flash' which had occurred at this plant the previous day. The workers involved in the process escaped injury because they wore asbestos gloves, protective head-gear and clothing flame-proofed with Du Pont 'Fire-Retardant C.' Those describing the accident did not know the story behind the 'Fire-Retardant C' development, and I did not bother to inform them, but it certainly gave me a sense of deep satisfaction that our discovery made a few years earlier had protected these workers from severe pain, and possibly, fatal injury. These are the intangible rewards that come to persistent scientists!"

Statistics: Native of Friesland, Wisconsin; after Hope, received M.S. from University of Massachusetts, 1926; Ph.D. University of Illinois, 1929; Assistantship at U. of Mass. 1924-26; Assistantship at U. of Ill. 1926-29; Instructor in Chemistry University of Mass. 1929-30; Professor of Organic Chemistry, U. of Mass. 1930-31; Research Chemist, E. I. Du Pont de Nemours & Co. 1931 to date.

Memberships: The American Chemical Society, Faraday Society, Institute of Physics, Alpha Chi Sigma, Phi Lambda Upsilon, Elder, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, Dela.

Family: Wife and 2 sons.

Hobbies: Gardening (flowers pre-

ferred—vegetables of necessity); Experimental agricultural chemistry; Bees — real ones, gets stung every so often; Real Estate; traveling by plane.



PLANT MANAGER FOR MONSANTO

James H. Zwemer '33 has been appointed the new plant manager at Nitro, West Virginia, for the Monsanto Chemical Company according to a recent announcement by the company.

After receiving his degree from Hope in 1933, Jim went to the University of Michigan for his M.S. which he received in 1934. He went with Monsanto Chemical Company in 1936 as analyst in the laboratory at East St. Louis, Illinois. He went to Norfolk as superintendent in charge of production in 1942, was appointed plant manager there in 1948. He spent three months of 1950 on a buying trip for raw materials in Europe. Most of the time was spent in Utrecht, Netherlands. As Project Manager he went to Muscle Shoals, March 1, 1951, for the government plant construction. He will go to Nitro, West Virginia when the Muscle Shoals, Alabama, plant is completed for the Chemical Warfare Service.

Jim's family consists of Marian Klaasen '35N, wife; Tommy, 13 and Andy, 8, sons.

•1920. Peter and Mrs. Baker returned to Brazil on the 24th of January to assume the Presidency of Mackenzie College. Their new address will be: Instituto Mackenzie, Caixa Postal 8792, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

•1948. Ernest H. Post received a master of arts degree from Michigan State College on March 14.

•1951. LaVerne '51 and Lorraine Van Farowe '50 Sikkema are under appointment by the Board of Foreign Missions, RCA, to go as agricultural missionaries to the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan this fall.

Life Among Hope's Doctors



BOISE, IDAHO, RADIOLOGIST

Dr. Alfred M. Popma '28N is the 1951-52 President of the Idaho State Medical Association.

Native: Orange City, Iowa.

Degrees: M.D., 1932, University of Iowa; interned at Santa Clara County Hospital, San Jose, California; residency in radiology at University of Nebraska, 1938.

Experience: Private Practice at New Plymouth, Idaho 3 years prior to going into radiology.

Present Appointments: Radiologist, St. Lukes Hospital, Boise; consultant radiologist, Veterans' Administration Hospital, Boise; consultant radiologist, Idaho State Department of Public Health, staff memberships include St. Luke's Hospital (President, 1948); St. Alphonsus Hospital and the Elks' Convalescent Home, all in Boise.

Professional Affiliations: Secretary-treasurer, Idaho State Medical Association 1948-50; member Board of Directors of Idaho Tuberculosis Association since 1939, president 1941-44; Idaho Cancer Society, executive chairman 1941-50; presently vice president American Cancer Society, member national Board of Directors from 1945 to present; chairman of the Service Committee of the Society, 1949-51; president Idaho State Radiologic Society; councilor of the Radiological Society of North America; Fellow

and Councilor of American College of Radiology, member of the Committee on Public Health of the college; Rocky Mountain Radiological Society, secretary from 1941 to 1947.

Additional Memberships: American Radium Society, American Roentgen Ray Society, Pacific Northwest Radiological Society; American Association of Advancement of Science; diplomate of the American Board of Radiology.

Family: Dorothy Wiersma, wife; Ann Frances, 17 and Mary Louise, 13, daughters.

Community Service: Elder, First Presbyterian Church of Boise; member Board of Trustees.

Hobbies: Woodworking, photography and fishing in Idaho's famous trout streams and lakes.

DUTCH TRILOGY

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Volume three "Ik Worstel en Ontkom" relates the happenings in the years between 1851 and 1876. The principal concerns are the separation in 1857, the civil war, the fire of Holland and the death of Van Raalte in 1876.

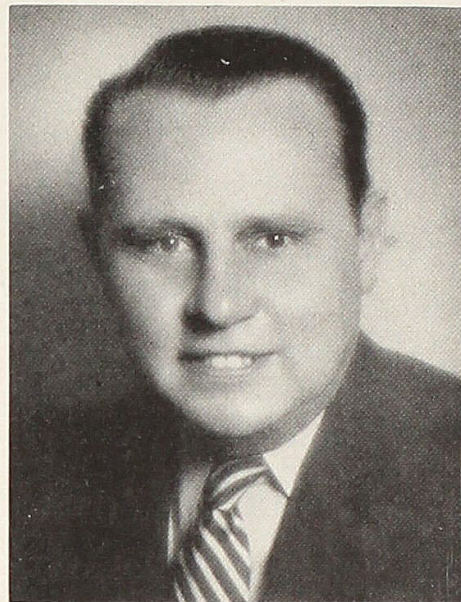
Naturally the founding of Hope College occupies a prominent place in these novels.

A radio play of the story in the first two volumes was broadcast in the Netherlands in 1947.

The author is very grateful to Mr. Jalving for his interest and his work in the tremendous task of translating these volumes. Each volume is about 300 pages in length and Mr. Jalving estimates that it took him one-half hour to a page to make the translation. He is now doing a certain amount of revision to make the stories a bit more anglicized.

Mr. Risseuw takes justifiable pride in a sizable bibliography of Dutch novels covering the years from 1930 to 1951.

•1934. Rev. John Pott has accepted the appointment as head of the Bible department at Chicago Christian High School. He has just completed a four and one half year service at Vriesland Reformed church. A graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary his first charge was in the Deerfield, N.J. Presbyterian Church in 1942. He then served the First Holland Reformed Church of Paterson, N.J. before coming to Vriesland. He taught in the Holland Christian High School three years before entering the Seminary.



HAROLD DYKHUIZEN, F.I.C.S.

The International College of Surgeons meeting in Chicago in September, 1951 bestowed a Fellowship upon Harold D. Dykhuizen '30, M.D., F.A.C.S.

Harold, a Muskegon Urologist since 1939, is a native of Chicago where he received his elementary education. He moved to Holland at the start of his secondary education which he received from the Hope Prep, graduating in 1926.

Education: Hope College A.B. 1930; Rush Medical College, M.D. 1934; Interned at Washington Blvd. Hospital July 1934 to January 1936; Resident in X-ray, Washington Blvd. Hospital, January to June 1936; Associated with Dr. Vincent J. O'Connor in Urology and instruction in Surgery at University of Illinois, 1936 to 1939; practicing Urology in Muskegon since 1939.

At Present: Chief of Surgical Section, Hackley Hospital; Consultant in Urology, Mercy Hospital; Vice President, Board of Directors, Muskegon Children's Home.

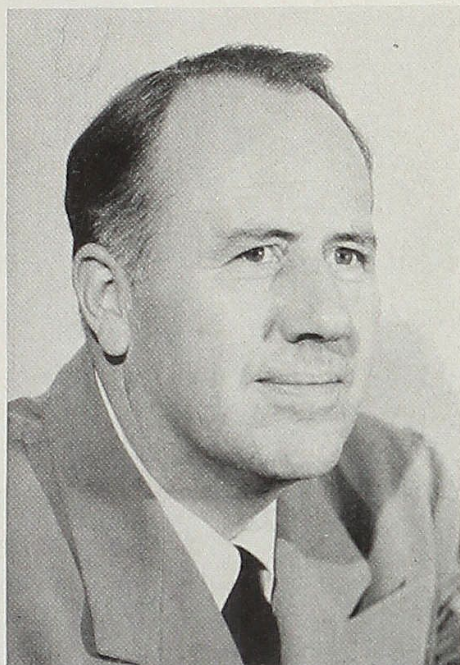
Professional Memberships: Alpha Omega Alpha, Honorary Medical Scholastic Fraternity, 1933; Detroit Urological Society; North Central Urological Section; America Urological Association, Diplomate, American Board of Urology, 1942; Fellow, American College of Surgeons, 1942; Fellow, American Geriatrics Society, 1951.

Other Memberships: Nu Sigma Nu Medical Fraternity, Muskegon Torch Club, Muskegon Century Club, Muskegon Rotary Club, Muskegon Country Club, University Club of Chicago, Great Lakes Cruising Club.

Family: Lucille Walvoord '31, wife; Danny 9, Anne 5, Jane 3, children.

Hobbies: Collecting books and items pertaining to or written by Herbert Hoover. Gardening.

Hope Men in Education



GARRETT NYWEIDE, VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE EDUCATOR

Garrett Nyweide '28 is Director, Executive Officer and Clerk of the Vocational Education and Extension Board of Rockland County, located in New City, New York.

History: Native of Lakewood, New York. After Hope studied science education at New York University, receiving his MA in 1934. Has completed all work for the doctorate except dissertation.

Professional Experience: Celeron High School, N.Y., 1928-30, taught math, science and coached athletics; Fredonia State Teachers College, teaching health and physical education and coached basketball, 1930-31; Sewanhaka High School, Floral Park, L. I. science teacher 1931-37, guidance counselor 1937-38 and head of the guidance department 1938-39; Director of Guidance and Research in the City of Jamestown, N. Y. 1939-1942; present position 1942-.

Additional Summer and Evening Work: Instructor in educational vocational guidance at Syracuse University, 1942-44; New York University various times; University of Maryland, summers 1946-51; Penn State College 1947-49; teaching for the University of the State of New York in its industrial teacher training program at various times during past 5 years.

Community Professional Participation: Number of educational organiza-

tions; Rotary Club; Church activities; President of the New York State Counselors Association in 1939.

Family: Mrs. Nyweide is the former Dena Van Dam (Julia '29 sister); two children, Mary Jane soon to become an RN with BS degree; John, a junior in high school interested in agriculture.

This information was included on the printed program of the 14th annual banquet of the Detroit Hope College Club held on February 22.

DID YOU KNOW

That the current enrollment of Hope College is 838? That Hope College ranks 8th in our nation in the percentage of successful candidates for the Ph.D. degree?

That, in spite of its relatively small size, Hope College stands 145th among 1700 colleges and universities in this country in the number of its alumni listed in Who's Who?

That Hope College currently has thirty-two foreign students although the national average is only two per college or university?



HERE THEY ARE — ROBBIE AND GRAMP!

Robbie arrived December 24. His formal name is Robert David, and his parents are Irwin J. Jr. and Jean Snow '49 Lubbers. And our president has another title to add to his long list. From the picture one would discern that he enjoys this role best.

•1949, Verne Meulenbelt '49N is living at Trailerville, in Grandville. He is a field engineer for General Electric in Grand Rapids.



HEADS CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT

Calvin A. Vander Werf '37 has been named acting head of the department of chemistry at the University of Kansas. The appointment was occasioned by the leave-of-absence of Dr. Ray Q. Brewster, department chairman, who has accepted a Fulbright lectureship on the chemistry of dyes at Farouk I University in Egypt.

The Lawrence (Kansas) Daily Journal described Calvin with these words: "He has earned a reputation as one of the most brilliant young organic chemists in the nation and is now directing a research project sponsored by the Army Ordnance Department."

Dr. Vander Werf's brilliant career in chemistry includes being valedictorian of his Hope College class, further study at Ohio State University from which he received the Ph.D. in 1941. He has been affiliated with the chemistry department at the University of Kansas since 1941. He joined the staff as an instructor and climbed steadily to the rank of full professor two years ago.

He was written-up in the January 1950 Alumni Magazine as a chemistry textbook co-author.

Calvin's wife is the former Rachael Good from Columbus, Ohio. They have three daughters: Gretchen, 5; Karzina, 3; and Juliana, 1.

•1936, Gordon Korstange, coach and teacher at Bellevue, Michigan, has had two very successful football seasons. His team, the Bellevue Broncos, ended the seasons champions in their league in 1950 and 1951. During 1951 the Broncos scored a total of 176 points, and had a total of 14 points scored against them. Mrs. Korstange is the former Fruena Douwstra '37.

Hope Men in Business

WINS NEW ASSIGNMENT



Robert J. Marcus '39 has recently been appointed Manager of Employee and Plant Community Relations of the new Edmore plant of the Carboloy Department of General Electric Company.

History: Born in Holland, Michigan;

after receiving BA in education from Hope, studied education at Wayne University and University of Michigan. First position was director of recreation and religious education at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Detroit.

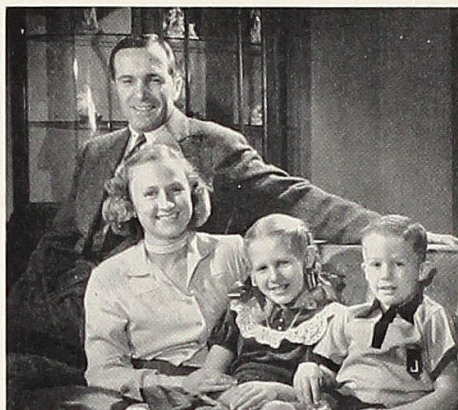
War Experience: Entering the armed forces in 1942, Bob served as a B-17 bomber pilot in the European theatre. In 1943, while completing a mission, he was shot down over the North Sea, and picked up by a German boat. He was held as a prisoner of war for 18 months, 11 of which were spent in Stalag Luft III in Sagan, Germany. He took part in the escape activities from this camp which has been the subject of articles in several magazines.

Post War: Following discharge in 1946, Bob took a position with the Veterans Administration Regional Office, Detroit, serving as senior training officer, professional and scientific section, which handled the college program of returning World War II veterans. In 1947 he became director of personnel and industrial relations with the Bowen Products Corporation in Detroit and Auburn, N.Y. His association with the Carboloy organization began in 1951 with his assignment to employee relations duties in the Detroit plant. He held this post until his recent appointment to the Edmore plant.

Family: Janet Shuptrine '42N, wife, married in 1941; Melinda, age 1, daughter.

•1950. Jacob De Young, who received his M.S. in Chemistry from Wayne University early this year, has taken a research position with Merck Chemical Company, Rahway, New Jersey.

Richard Fairchild received his M.S. in Chemistry from Ohio University on February 2. He has accepted a position with Sterling Winthrop Research Institute as of March 3.



ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT

Willard G. De Groot '39 was elected Vice President of Bateman, Eichler & Co. in January. This organization is one of the leading investment security firms in Los Angeles, California. Willard has been associated with this firm since 1946. He started in the New Financing Department transferring to the Sales Department in December 1950.

After Hope, Willard, a Holland native, attended graduate school at Northwestern University for two years. He received his M.B.A. in 1940 and stayed on an additional year taking other courses and teaching.

Early in 1941 he joined the United States Navy and was on active duty until 1946, a Lieutenant Commander at the time of his discharge.

In the picture we see the family "at home." It includes Barbara (Stanford '40), Wendy, 10, and John, 4½. Extracurricular activity so far has been the building of their home at 1101 Singing Wood Drive, Arcadia, California in 1950.

WARNING

A copy of a business promotion letter has been called to our attention which reads partly as follows: "at the suggestion of Hope College Alumni Members already financially interested." The letter is addressed to alumni of Hope College and makes reference to the Alumni Association.

Anyone receiving any communication of this kind is conclusively informed that the Hope College Alumni Association has had no part in it and such reference is a conspicuous misuse of the name of the Association.

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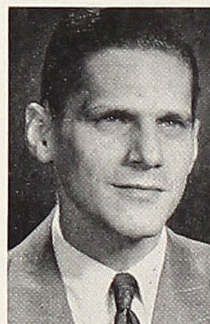


Edward H. Heneveld '39 has just been promoted to the position of Branch Manager of the American Seating Company Branch at Syracuse, New York, according to an announcement of James W. Ver Meulen '26, Vice President and General Sales Manager of the Company.

Ed was born and educated in Holland. While at Hope he majored in Business Administration. He joined the American Seating Company in 1942, starting in the Industrial Relations Division.

During World War II he saw service in the Philippines as a Naval officer. After discharge from the service, he filled various assignments with American Seating Company. Following extensive sales training, he was assigned to the Central New York territory, out of Syracuse, in 1947. Two years ago he was promoted to the position of Office Manager at Syracuse. The Henevelds have two children.

HINKAMP COMPLETES OAK RIDGE COURSE



James Hinkamp '40, research supervisor on Petroleum Chemicals at Ethyl Corporation, Detroit, has recently completed a four-week course at the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Radioisotopes—atoms which emit radiation—are proving valuable research tools in many fields of industrial research, as well as in bacteriology and medicine. They are widely used for tracing complicated chemical processes. Jim, Ph.D. in Chemistry, plans to use the results of his study of radioisotopes in chemical projects at the Ethyl laboratories.

Jim received his Ph.D. from Ohio State in 1943. He is a member of Phi Lambda Upsilon, Gamma Alpha and Sigma Xi (scientific fraternities), the American Chemical Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Mrs. Hinkamp is "Teddy" Meulendyke '40. Jim and Teddy have two children, Jimmy, 6, and Joanny, 3. They live at 1444 South Bates Street, Birmingham.

Quinquennial Reunions Being Held

June 7, 1952

The QUARTER CENTURY is becoming quite a big and competitive event. The Class of '27 comes up this year for the 25th reunion and the slogan seems to be "beat '26 or bust." Their plans are so inclusive and the committee is putting on such a big "push" that it is doubtful if they "bust." The committee is headed by Mel Lubbers and is ably abetted by Mable Coburn Kuit, Marie De Cook Saunders, Matthew Peelen, Clyde and Ardean Geerlings. Besides the actual committee there are 8 area chairmen who are assigned the pleasure of fostering the spirit to reunite (with direction to coerce if need be in some cases) in their respective areas. These area chairmen are: William Bonnema, Chicago; Rutherford Huizinga, New York City; Hazel Lokker Ferguson, Benton Harbor and Southern Michigan; William G. Maat, out-state-New York; LeRoy Nattress, the Far West; Neil Van Oostenburg, eastern Michigan; Edward Wagenaar, Muskegon and Northern Michigan; Garrett and Billie Winter, Grand Rapids and central Michigan.

1912

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Van Zoeren have invited the Class of 1912, with wives or husbands, to luncheon at their home, 70 West 9th Street, Holland, on Saturday, June 7.

1941

As for the younger classes, it now appears that the Class of 1941 is out to establish a record for the 10 year reunion. A committee headed by Beth Marcus is planning luncheon for at least 100 in the Juliana Room of Durfee Hall, on June 7 at 1:30. Must be that's a class of food connoisseurs for they seem to be working as hard on an acceptable menu as they are on getting great numbers of members to attend. That committee consists of, besides Beth: John Visser, Donald and Lileth Van Ark, Bill and Peg Hakken, Jack and Jets Baas.

1937

The committee as you've seen published many times is: Ek Buys, Jane Eldridge Breen and Bill Poppink.

1922

With the QUARTER CENTURY in the background, the Class of 1922, is planning a peaceful, mellow, pleasant (sans fanfare) gathering with Harvey Kleinheksel and Lillian Van Dyke in charge.

1902

Dr. Henry De Pree started gathering data about the members of his class when he returned to the campus in 1948. So the Class of 1902 will have "all kinds of time" on its side for the June 7 festival.

1937

As we go to press, word is received that the Class of 1937 will hold a reunion luncheon in the Marine Room of the Warm Friend Tavern at 1:30 P.M. on Saturday, June 7.

It's still time—members of the classes of '07, '17, '32, '47. Any good "live-wire" will see the potential in concentration of effort in a small amount of time. We, in the Alumni Office, will help anyone who wants to enter his class in this big once-a-year competition.

COMMUNITY HOBBYIST

When the town of Traverse City launched the gigantic, the real, project of creating Northwestern Michigan College so its young people who could not afford a downstate college could enjoy advanced education, everyone, even the children, started working to contribute means.

Fifteen little girls, under the direction of Lois Keppel Samuelson '32 produced "Peter Pan." It was successfully presented for two nights and enabled those 15 Girl Scouts to add \$400 to the college fund.

And this is how these "veterans" of the "Little" theatre did it, according to the director: "It started four years ago in Girl Scouts with a musical comedy 'Christmas Eve in a Toyshop,' which proved so successful everyone wanted more. The next year we did 'Cinderella,' and we had people standing out in the halls with children sitting on the floor overflowing the theatre. So this past summer we started a Little Theatre group and we gave 'Peter Pan.'

"The girls came to my house two days a week. They brought their lunches and they stayed all day. We apportioned the time to working on script, learning parts, rehearsing singing and dancing and much of the time painting and making scenery and props. Then for recreation we swam before lunch. The girls even sold program advertising and sold the tickets. We always give the money we earn away. The singing is fairly good, the dancing good, due to the efforts of two of the girls, but the scenery is out of this world. Their comedy is tops say nothing about a few



Lois Keppel Samuelson

tear jerkers. Marj Exo is our accompanist and Mrs. Claton Bellaw my able co-worker. We don't give a play until it is letter perfect so we do no prompting. Clarence (Lois' husband) and Mr. Bellaw do the lighting which is a big order. The last full day rehearsal Clarence helps me whip it into shape. He is especially good at comedy.

"'Peter Pan' was excellent. We cut it from five to three acts and changed the title to 'Peter and Wendy.' When our dark-skinned and dimpled Peter was dancing unconcernedly on the stage and Captain Hook entered to poison the medicine, a child in the audience yelled out, 'Oh be careful, Peter, watch out.' When Peter called for the audience to believe in fairies or Tink would die, the roof nearly fell in with applause. Instead of the old fashioned dances that the professional cast used, we used modern tunes and dances. Imagine the kids doing, 'Ballin' the Jack' and 'Huckle-Buck' in 'Barrie's masterpiece. We were asked to take it on the road, but school was starting and we didn't attempt it.'

Lois enthusiastically gives all the credit for success to the children. She says, "I've just got a bunch of wonderful children and I'm so proud of them, I love to praise them."

Of course this Little Theatre is not the only project of these wonderful children. They design floats in their spare time. Their next theatre adventure will be with "Little Women."

And naturally Lois has to have a real hobby. That's politics. Right now she is trying to elect a President—a Republican, I'm told. And she and Clarence are building their third home. But that's part of their business.

Friends of Hope College



**THE JOHN H. RUMPH
SCHOLARSHIP**

A Bequest

Maude Colton Rumph, who died October 15, 1951, bequeathed to Hope College ten thousand dollars to establish the JOHN H. RUMPH Scholarship for senior students at Hope College.

Mrs. Rumph's sister, Mrs. Frederick Wheat of Hollis, New York, attested to the character which prompted this gift in the following words, "Both my sister and her husband loved young people. Having no children of their own, they were always helping boys and girls. Mrs. Rumph was a devoted Christian, never losing faith even in her long sickness—a beautiful character. Her hobby was music. She both taught and played the piano."

Mrs. Rumph was a member of the 'Old Dutch' Reformed Church in Jamaica, New York, for 45 years. She was a member of the Board of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Church in America.

The Rev. Robert A. Watson of the First Reformed Church in Jamaica, Mrs. Rumph's last pastor, wrote: "I am very happy that Mrs. Rumph left a substantial amount to sustain the splendid work being done at Hope College. It will be, I am sure, a great help in educating and developing many who will give themselves with equal devotion to the work of Christ whom she loved so truly and served so faithfully."

We at Hope College are grateful to the Rumphs for this gift which will further the cause which they and we hold dear.

HOPE MEN CONTRIBUTE TO GREAT WORK

Hope College theologians have contributed to The Interpreter's Bible—"the greatest publishing event of this generation" for preachers, teachers, and Bible students. It is a completely new, twelve-volume, comprehensive commentary on the whole Bible.

Of the 146 most able scholars, editors and pulpit masters who have worked on this project, four are Hope college graduates. The first volume has been published after 7 years of work and 6 more years will be required to complete this—The Interpreter's Bible.

The four Hope College men who are contributing to this great work are Joseph R. Sizoo '07, President of New Brunswick Theological Seminary whose contribution is an Exposition on Joshua; James Muilenburg '20, Professor of Hebrew and Cognate Languages, Union Theological Seminary, New York, who is contributing a General Article on the History of the Religion of Israel and an Introduction and Exegesis of Isaiah 40-66; and J. Coert Rylaarsdam '31, Associate Professor of Old Testament Theology, Chicago Theological Seminary and Federated Theological Faculty of the University of Chicago, contributing an Introduction and Exegesis of the Book of Exodus.

John W. Beardslee, Jr. '98, of New Brunswick Theological Seminary, is one of the 36 Consulting Editors. James Muilenburg is also contributing to these volumes in this capacity.

Abingdon-Cokesbury Press is publishing this "Christendom's most comprehensive commentary" in 12 volumes.

•1945. Marcia Hubers Zwiep is now living at 1017 W. Mulberry, Fort Collins, Colorado. Her husband, Donald, is teaching engineering at Colorado A & M College. They have a new home and their third daughter.

•1947. Robert Resch, now living at 5 Maplewood Road, Shrewsbury, Mass., is employed at Ciba Pharmaceutical Products Co. as a professional service representative. He is married to Margery Moore, a graduate of Colby Junior College and the Museum of Fine Arts School, Boston.



A. H. MEYER—A FRIEND OF HOPE

In the evening of February 29, Mr. A. H. Meyer, a very generous friend of Hope College, died at the age of 93.

Having had very little education himself, Mr. Meyer was always an education enthusiast. Six of the seven Meyer children attended Hope College, two of them graduating from the college, the others going on to other institutions for specialized training. Two of his children are presently on the faculty of Hope College: Marguerite Meyer Prins '17, head of the Department of French; and Nella Meyer '21N, associate professor of French.

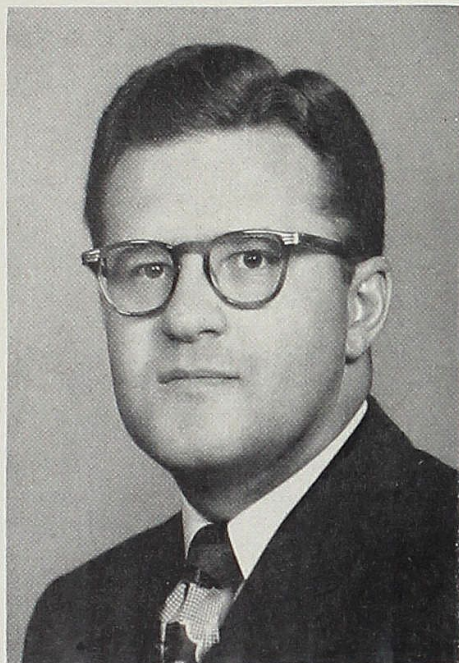
Mr. Meyer was born in Grand Haven November 23, 1858. He first became interested in local business in 1872 while working for his father in the Meyer and Brouwer furniture store and undertaking business. In 1877, he joined the firm of Meyer and Brouwer, and when it was enlarged into separate units in 1899, Mr. Meyer took the piano and sewing machine business.

Mr. Meyer was active in his business establishment, now known as Meyer Music House, as late as 1949 when he received the Chamber of Commerce award for outstanding contribution and service in the advancement of civic betterment. He still reported for work at the store each day.

He had been a member of First and Third Reformed churches and served both churches for a total of 12 years as consistory member. He was always active in church, education and civic affairs.

Surviving are Mrs. Meyer; five daughters, Marguerite Prins '17, Mrs. R. J. Nichols, Wilma Meyer Reed '23N, Nella Meyer '21N, all of Holland, and Helene Mills '20N of Los Angeles, California; two sons, Harris '16 of Kalamazoo and Frederick '26N of Holland; 12 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

On the Campus



4TH ANNUAL MID-YEAR COMMENCEMENT INDUCTS 15 MEMBERS INTO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Rev. John M. Hains '42 delivered the commencement address to Hope's 15 newest alumni. Speaking on "Some Things That Cannot Be Shaken" by communism or crime, he challenged the class to preserve in their lives these things which cannot be shaken — truth, righteousness and Christian love, which have eternal values.

The Rev. George I. Robertson, pastor of First Reformed Church, Long Island City, gave the invocation and Anthony C. Droppers of Oostburg, Wisconsin read scripture. Both of these participants had sons in the graduating class. The Chapel Choir under the direction of Robert W. Cavanaugh, sang "Built on a Rock," by Christiansen.

Dr. Lubbers presided at the services and Mrs. W. Curtis Snow '41 played the organ prelude, postlude and accompaniments.

Rev. Paul E. Hinkamp '07 presented the following candidates for the bachelor of arts degree to Dr. Lubbers who presented the degrees: Louie U. Brooks, Holland; James F. de Spelder, Grand Haven; Joseph I. Dolnik, Holland; Neil A. Droppers, Oostburg, Wisconsin; Robert M. Harper, Holland; Donald J. Hondorp, Grand Rapids; Kenneth Leestma, Holland; Fred L. Martin, Holland; Johannes Menkir, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Gene Nyenhuis, Grand Rapids; George

J. Priest, Freeport, N.Y.; George I. Robertson, Jr., Holland; John C. Sloan, Jr., Scotia, N.Y.; Arthur Tornga, Grand Rapids and Robert B. Welton, Holland.

Robert Welton has reported his occupation at present to be teaching biology and English at Hudsonville High School.

"OUR PLACE IN WHO'S WHO"

By Dr. E. E. Brand

Associate Professor of English

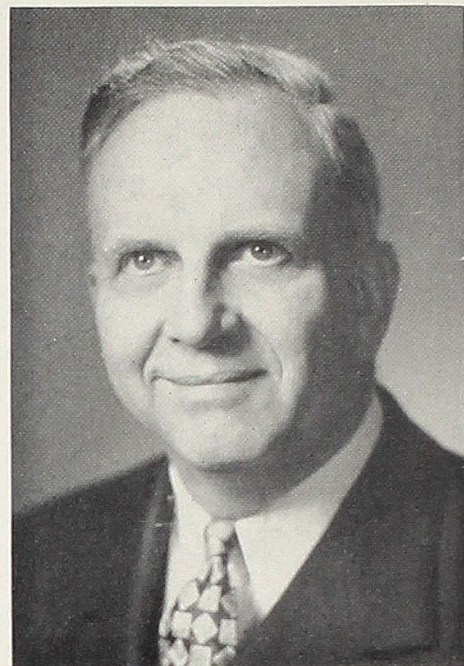
An article entitled "The Colleges in *Who's Who in America*" which appeared in the *School and Society* for October 21, 1951, is of interest to all those concerned with higher education and particularly with the prestige of Hope College.

Kunkel and Prentice, the co-authors, present an enlightening analysis of the picture of the American colleges and universities with regard to their recognition by *Who's Who*. The inclusion of names of faculty, students, and alumni of various institutions of advanced learning assists in a significant way to increase interest in the higher segment of American education.

It is interesting in studying the article to note the place of Hope College in comparison to other colleges and universities. A 100 per cent increase in the number of biographies of Hope College alumni between the years 1938-1950 is observed.

Hope College is represented by 40 entries in the 1950 edition. The individuals actively engaged in educational work number 23. Of the remaining 17, there are 10 in the ministry, and 3 in the field of medicine. A business man, a biologist, and a senator are also included in Hope's contribution to this publication. In addition to the 40 alumni listed, 4 faculty members who are not alumni are included.

•1950. Chester Van Wieren has been assigned to the Crystal Falls district in the Upper Peninsula after completing conservation officer recruit school at Higgins lake training center. Mrs. Van Wieren is the former Adele MacAllister of Holland. They have one son, Bruce Allen, 4.



DR. JACOB PRINS NEW IN HOPE'S ADMINISTRATION

Rev. Jacob Prins, DD, '24 took office as vice president in charge of church relations at Hope College on February 1.

Dr. Prins, Minister of Evangelism RCA for the past seven years, accepted the appointment of the Hope Board of Trustees late last year.

Besides establishing an impressive record as the first Minister of Evangelism in the history of the denomination, he has held pastorates in Jamestown, Michigan; Pella, Iowa; and Calvary and Immanuel churches in Grand Rapids.

A native of Fulton, Illinois, Dr. Prins was graduated from Hope Preparatory school in 1920, from the college in 1924, and from Western Seminary in 1927.

In 1943 he served the General Synod of the Reformed Church as president. He has been a member of the boards of trustees of Central and Hope colleges.

Mrs. Prins is the former Marie Vanden Brink '18N. They have two children. Daughter Doris '50N is Mrs. Paul '50 Alderink of Grand Rapids; son "Bud," a Hope sophomore, is the boy with the "educated toe" on Hope's football team. During the past season he kicked 21 out of 25 extra points and 1 field goal.

MARRIAGES

Robert Van Dyke '51 and Virginia Hess '51, Flushing, N. Y., December 24.

William Hinga '51 and Connie Boersma '53, Holland, December 20.

Lorraine Van Farowe '50 and LaVerne Sikkema '51, Zeeland, December 28.

Roy D. Zwemer '50N and Nancy Robare, Marquette, Mich., December 22.

John J. Banninga '98 and Helen E. Vogelsson, Claremont, Calif., March 31.

THE READING CENTER AT HOPE COLLEGE

By Helen Haberland Schoon, Director

There is wide-spread interest both in Industry and in Higher Education in reading improvement programs. Hope College recognized the need of such a program and established a Reading Center in 1949. The Center is not a part of any department of the college, but the director of it is responsible to the Dean of the college. Each semester 30 to 40 students take advantage of its facilities.

The objectives of the program in the Center are:

1. To acquaint the participant with the fundamentals and mechanics of reading skill.

Sometimes students do poor work in their freshman year even though they are of average or superior intelligence. One of the causes for poor work in many cases is the inability of the student to use reading and study skills effectively. These students can be helped with training.

2. To enable each one to reach his reading potential.

Often some superior students in the upper classes come in for this purpose. Since they intend to go to graduate school, they want to reach their top level of speed and comprehension in reading.

3. To stimulate good reading habits and a greater interest in reading.

With an increase in speed and comprehension, students are motivated to do more and wider reading.

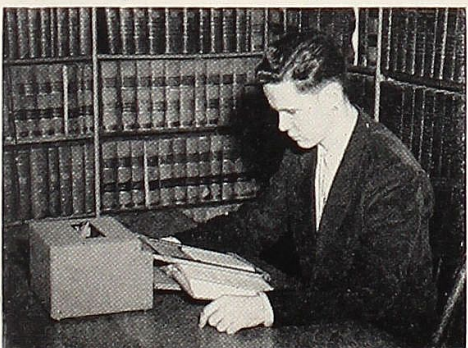
There are two mechanical devices used in the Center:

1. The Reading Accelerator or pacer is

Mrs. Schoon Operating the Tachistoscope.



David Angus Using Reading Accelerator.



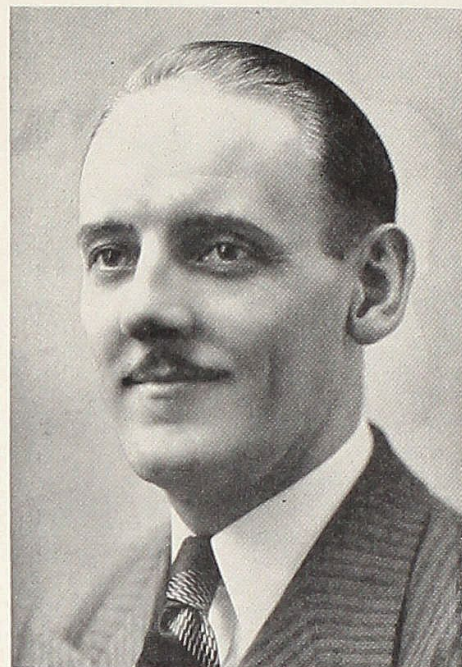
a simple device designed to force the reader to read more quickly by preventing regression. Regression is the act of rereading a sentence necessitated by the reader's lack of concentration or his lack of confidence in his ability to grasp the meaning. It causes serious loss of speed and does not aid comprehension. The accelerator has two parts—a rack to hold the reading material, and a mechanical arm run by electricity, which lowers a shutter over the reading material. The speed with which the shutter moves down the page may be adjusted by the reader.

2. The Tachistoscope, or flash meter, is an over-head projector with a controlled shutter attachment. It is used to flash material—numbers, phrases, and sentences—on a screen at 1/100 of a second. Use of this machine makes it possible for the reader to develop coordination of eyes with brains to the point where he is able to repeat numbers of 7, 8, or 9 digits or sentences of 4 or 5 words which appear on the screen for 1/100 of a second. The reader begins with 3 digits and short phrases, gradually progressing until he is able to see and comprehend two or three times as much. The carry-over of this skill to the normal reading situation makes it possible for the reader to include more at a glance, cutting down the number of eye movements necessary for the comprehension of the material read.

The classes meet three days a week. Ten minutes of the 50 minute sessions are spent working with the Tachistoscope, 20 minutes in discussion or in the development of some special reading or study skill, and twenty minutes in reading an exercise at the highest possible speed and taking a test for comprehension of the material read. Most students begin reading with a speed of 200 to 300 words per minute. When the course is completed, they read at the rate of 600 to 1,000 words per minute. Comprehension increases from about 65% to approximately 95% over the same period of time.

Other skills developed in these class hours are skimming, visualizing, organizing while reading, making a summary, selecting the best general statement, finding main ideas and supporting statements and developing vocabulary.

- 1942. Rev John Hains is the new minister at Trinity Reformed Church, Holland. John was graduated from Western Seminary in 1945. He has been pastor of First Reformed Church, Fremont, until his installation at Trinity on December 20. Mrs. Hains is the former Pauline Oosting of Fremont. There are two daughters in the Hains family: Mary Jo, 4 and Carol Jean, 3 months.



NEW HOPE PROFESSOR

Rev. William J. Hilmert '25 has recently been appointed head of the Religious Education Department at Hope College. His appointment, which will be effective with the beginning of the 1952-53 school year, is occasioned by the retirement of Dr. Henry P. De Pree '02.

Until March 15, 1952, Mr. Hilmert has been director of Kentucky mountain work for the Board of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Church in America.

He came to Kalamazoo, Michigan from the Netherlands as a child. After early education in Kalamazoo, and after graduating from Hope college, Mr. Hilmert taught at Northwestern Junior college and was superintendent of schools at Doon, Iowa, and Sioux Center, Iowa, before entering Western Seminary. He was graduated in 1934.

He has held pastorates at Garfield Park Reformed church, Grand Rapids, and Second Reformed church, Zeeland. He left the latter church in 1947 to take the Kentucky post. He served on the church Board of Education from 1937-47.

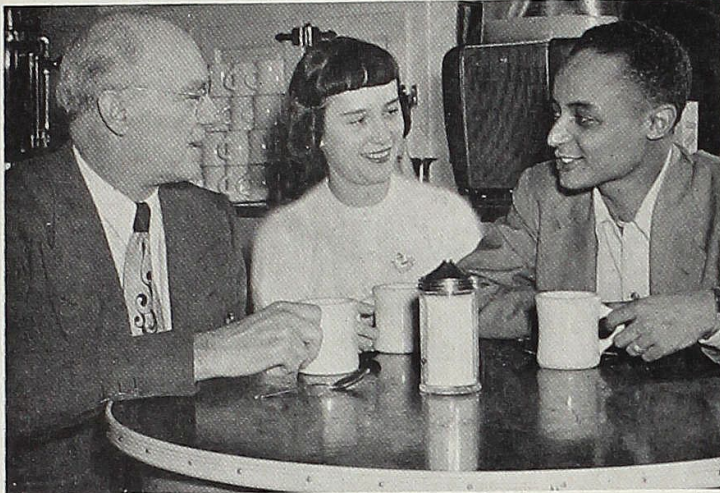
Mrs. Hilmert is the former Eva Klein of Orange City, Iowa. They have three children, David, Lucille and Margaret.

The Rev. Mr. Hilmert will spend the next two terms at the University of Chicago where he will take advanced courses in religious education.

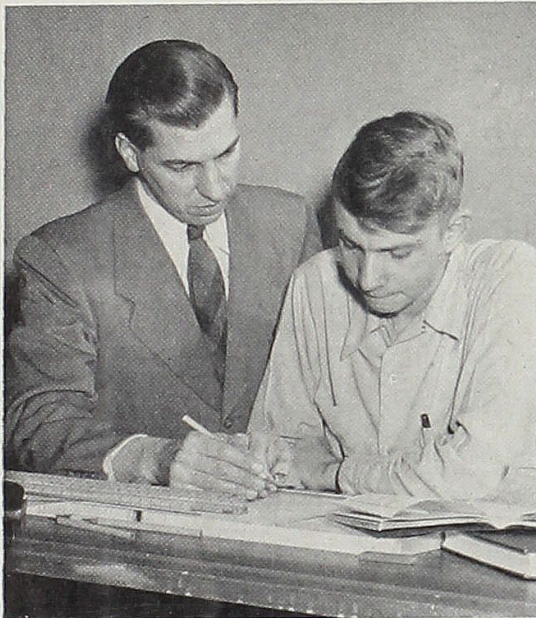
- 1950. Winston Heneveld received his M.S. in Physics at Michigan State in February. He has accepted a position at Argonne Laboratories in Chicago.

- 1951. Anita Fischer is employed as a lab technician at Yonkers Professional Hospital. She is living at home — 20 Chester Drive, Tuckahoe 7, N.Y.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1952

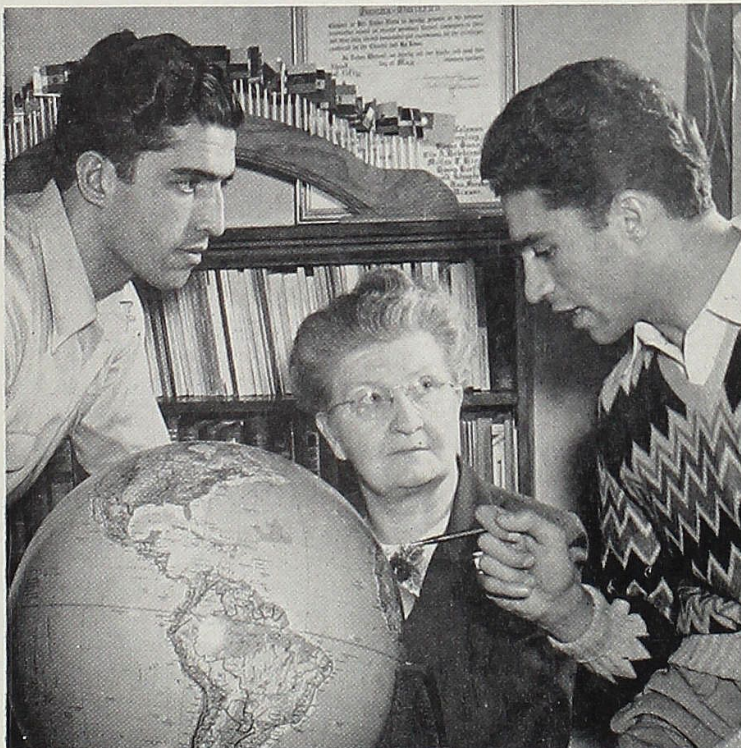


Prof. Henry Schoon of the Hope College German department (left, above), references an argument between Bibi Maururi and Johannes Menkir as to the relative merits of South American and African coffees. Bibi is a freshman from Guayaquil, Ecuador, and John is a Senior from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. They are two of the 160 students from foreign lands registered at the college.



James Van Putten, who spent several years in China while his father, Dr. J. Dyke Van Putten served as director of information in China, Japan, Korea and Formosa for the U. S. State Department, is pictured at left, checking over an engineering problem with Prof. Charles A. Sketete (left) of the Mathematics Department of Hope College. While in China, young Van Putten, an amateur radio enthusiast carried on many trans-oceanic telephone messages with this country by means of his home made equipment.

Majid and Hamid Tadayan (below), sons of the former Iranian Senator, Mohammed Tadayan of Teheran talk over an international relations problem with Dr. Ella Hawkins, head of the Hope College Department of History and Political Science. Majid, a Freshman at Hope is a skilled boxer and former champion of Iran, while Hamid, a Sophomore, is a track enthusiast.



From Faraway Lands They Come to Hope

Students of 24 Foreign Countries Made to Feel at Home on Holland Campus

By CLYDE H. GEERLINGS
Special to The Herald

HOLLAND—"The United States has been a leader in foreign educational exchanges for years, and Michigan colleges and universities rank with those of the top five States in the Nation." This is the statement of Dr. Ella Hawkins, head of the History and Political Science Departments at Hope College and President of the Michigan Council for UNESCO.

Dr. Hawkins estimates that there are more than 3,000 foreign students studying in the 1,600 American colleges and universities today, and that more than 2,500 are attending Michigan institutions of higher learning.

About half of the Nation's student visitors are receiving their advanced training in New York, California, Illinois, Massachusetts and our own State.

Typical of Michigan's educational institutions taking part in the training of youth from beyond our coastlines is Hope College, in Holland. For the six-year period since the end of World War II, Hope has had 160 foreign registrations for a better than 27 per year average.

At present, there are 32 young men and women who have come to the campus from outside the United States. Sixteen of this group have never had direct contact with this country and are foreign in every sense of the word, while the other half are American citizens brought up abroad by parents who are Hope alumni.

Because of Hope's close affiliation with the Reformed Church in America and its traditional reputation for missionary training, it is not surprising that such a great representation of foreign born American youngsters should be found on Hope's roster.

In the past six years, 24 foreign countries have sent their youth to the Hope campus for a year or more, and at present they include: Iraq, The Netherlands, China, Mexico, India, Ethiopia, Germany, Venezuela, Iran, Lebanon, Trans-Jordan, Pakistan, Denmark, Ecuador and the Philippines.

One student is registered from the U.S. possession, Hawaii, and three are from the Virgin Islands. The latter are Leonard Bruns, a Junior and his twin sisters, Marjorie and Marlene. Leonard received a citation from the Chairman of the Red Cross chapter in St. Thomas for outstanding relief work during the hurricane which struck the islands during the Summer of 1950.

First impressions received by the visitors on arriving in See FARAWAY LANDS—Page 4



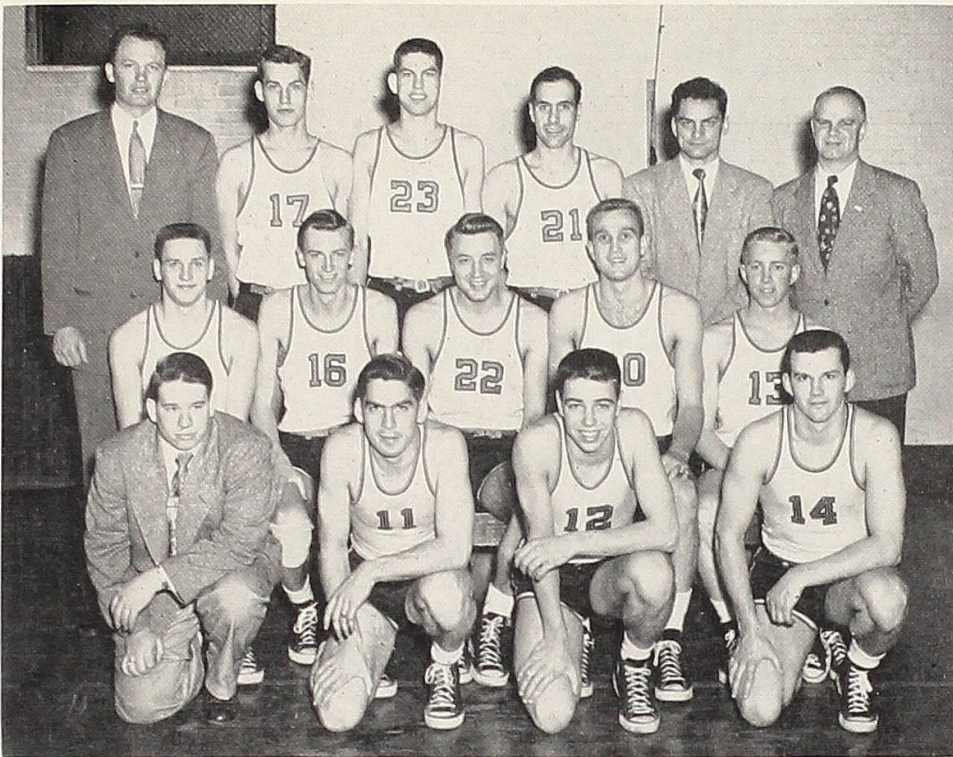
David Angus (above, left), Stig Anderson and May Louise Korteling are three of half dozen Hope College students from foreign shores, who are pre-medics. Dave and Maisie are Michigan residents brought up abroad by their parents who are Hope College alumni. Dave, who lived most of his life in China, is the son of the former Agnes Buikema of Grand Rapids while Maisie, a Senior, received her elementary and prep school education in India. Stig, a Sophomore is from Denmark.



William Parsons (above, left), Junior from Karachi, Pakistan, and Larry Paumoni (right), Senior from Lagos, Nigeria, are avid camera enthusiasts. Bill is a photographer for the Anchor, Hope College bi-weekly publication. Coeds being photographed are (left to right), Eunice Mayo, Senior from New Brunswick, N. J., Kathy Kempers, Junior from Chicago, Mexico and Phyllis Van Setters, Junior from Grand Rapids.

Dr. and Mrs. William Moordyk (at right), dressed in full Arabian regalia, attend the annual International Night banquet sponsored by the Hope College International Club. Dr. Moordyk, who is now resident physician on the Hope campus, served for many years as a medical missionary in Arabia through the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America. Mrs. Moordyk assisted her husband as a nurse in his hospital. Several hundred students and faculty attend this annual affair where all foreign students don their native dress. Table fare consists of dishes served in true Asiatic, European and African style.





First row, kneeling l to r: Dick McClintock, mgr.; Norm Schuiling, Will Rink, Dave Kempker. Middle row, seated: Ron Bos, Bob Visser, Jun Bremer (capt.), Bob Hendrickson, Jerry Jacobson. Back row, standing: Coach John Visser, Bob Bolema, Al Nelson, Ken Van Regenmorter, Asst. Coach Nick Yonker, Athletic Director M. L. Hinga. Zeke Piersma absent from picture.

Basketball Glory

By Randall Vande Water '52

Under Coach John Visser '42 the Hope college basketball team finished one of the most successful seasons in the history of the school. Visser, in his initial year as varsity coach produced a team that won 14 games, while losing only three. These victories included wins over Washington and Lee University, Calvin and Detroit Tech.

The Dutchmen also annexed the MIAA championship for the fourth time, winning nine games and losing one in conference play. The Dutch went through the last nine games of the season without tasting defeat.

This year's style of play was run and shoot, and in every contest, Hope managed to run up big scores.

The personnel on this year's Dutch team was made up of experienced basketball players. Junior Bremer, senior guard, completed his fourth year of competition on the Hope varsity. The Holland star was elected captain by his teammates and was also named the most valuable player on the team. Bremer, according to Coach John Visser, was the best defensive rebounder in the MIAA, and probably the best Hope college has ever had. Bremer is married to the former Kathryn De Vette '53N, sister of former Hope college basketball coach Russ De

Vette '46. Ron Bos '52, another senior, finished the season in a blaze of glory, scoring 36 points in the Calvin game. Bos, a guard was the highest scorer on the

160 FOREIGN STUDENTS ON HOLLAND CAMPUS

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the United States are as varied as the number of individuals interviewed. Alice Gabriels, a freshman from Jongkerk, The Netherlands, was especially awed by the New York skyline and the super highways leading out of that metropolis.

Bibi Maururi, also a Freshman, hails from Guayaquil, an Ecuadorian coastal city and she was not so much impressed by the tremendous stocks of clothing and other materials found in the large department stores of New Orleans, where she entered this country. Miss Maururi is majoring in English and business, while Miss Gabriels expects to enter either the teaching or library fields here. She has been granted her first citizenship papers.

"I am amazed at your freedom of speech in this country," commented Piar Montes Espana, a 25-year-old citizen of Venezuela who wants to master the English language before returning to his position with the Standard Oil Company in that country.

Espana continued, "Our country is not free. It is now ruled by the military, but we expect to have a true democratic Government like yours this year."

The young Venezuelan was enthusiastic about the co-operation of his country and the United

States, which is developing the rich oil fields and fabulous iron deposits.

"Venezuela is second only to your country in the production of oil," he said. "And Iran, which you hear so much about, cannot begin to compete with us."

Espana believes that the iron deposits are even more valuable than Venezuelan oil reserves. Latest estimates, he says, place their value at many times that of our once great Mesabi iron range in Minnesota.

Several of the students have encountered rather exciting experiences before reaching this country. James Van Putten, a freshman, spent three years in China while his father, Dr. J. Dyke Van Putten, served as Director of Information with our State Department in Korea, China, Japan and Formosa.

Young Van Putten, then only 14, went through the month-long Communist siege of Peking in 1949 and remained there until the American consulates were closed, coming to the States on the steamer President Wilson in 1950.

"I was not scared at the time," he said, "But after the bombing was over and I saw the damage done, I realized what we had been through."

Probably no student ever experienced, or envies, the ordeal endured by May Louise Korteling. She was washed overboard in the Indian Ocean 300 miles off the African coast.

Miss Korteling, a Hope College

team this season. Bob Visser, brother of Coach Visser, also was a high scorer. Bob is a sophomore and played forward. The other forward position was handled by Jerry Jacobson, a junior and all-M.I.A.A., last year. Bob Hendrickson, was the starting center. The tall 6'5" center, as a freshman, added much to the team. Others on the championship team included Bob Bolema, Don Piersma, Ken Van Regenmorter, Dave Kempker, Al Nelson, Willard Rink, and Norm Schuiling.

Assisting Coach Visser was Nick Yonker '50 while Milton L. (Bud) Hinga served in an advisory capacity.

Take a look back at the achievements this 1951-52 team accomplished, besides the MIAA championship: The team, for the first time in history scored 100 points. They hit the even century mark against Ferris Institute. Also, Ron Bos broke the individual scoring mark, when he hit 36 against Calvin. This year's team scored more points than any team in history, totaling 1370 points. This total places Hope 5th in the nation in scoring points among Small Colleges.

•1946. Gerrit Levey of Berea College represented Hope College at an inaugural ceremony at Transylvania College, Lexington, Kentucky, November 30, 1951.

•1946. The Rev. Kenneth Stickney of Rockville, R.I. has been appointed Chaplain (1st Lt.) in the U. S. Army Reserves. He is to report at Camp Edwards on April 18 for active duty. He has been serving two Seventh Day Baptist Churches. He will serve as chaplain of this denomination.

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Senior and Michigan resident who has spent most of her life in India, sailed on the freighter Taurinia in June, 1948 to enter college.

The ship encountered monsoon weather with high winds. On the second day of the storm, when she with a few other passengers were on the top deck a huge wave caught the ship, raised it to a dangerous angle and washed her out to sea.

"My head must have struck something at the time for I was unconscious long enough so that as I came to I saw the boat as a small object," she said.

THE RESCUE

"I was sure that the crew was aware of my plight and I knew that according to international law the captain must make at least one complete circle."

She was sighted by the first mate, but when the ship was brought around, the young woman could not see the life preservers thrown out because her glasses had been lost. Life boats were out of the question because of the heavy sea, so the captain circled once more, bringing the ship close enough for the crew to bring her aboard by means of a rope ladder.

"That experience I shall always remember. I had a head cut that required stitches to be taken, and a sprained wrist," she added, "Sharks were sighted within an hour."

According to Dr. Irwin J. Lub-

bers, Hope College President, the foreign students are very well received by the student body in general. Most have joined student social groups and enter into many of the extra-curricular activities.

Some have appeared in student dramatic productions, and others are active in clubs interested in science, international relations and foreign languages.

William Parsons, an economics major from Pakistan, is photographic editor of the "Anchor," student bi-weekly publication, while Larry Fabunmi from Nigeria and Hamid and Majid Tadayon, sons of a former member of the Iranian senate, are veterans in track and boxing.

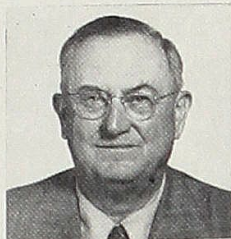
Each year the Hope International Relations Club is host to visitors from other countries at a spring banquet which is attended by several hundred students and faculty. Foreign students dress in their native costumes, and the food served is characteristic of the lands from which they come. Gordon De Pree, Senior from Zealand and Student Council President, sums up the sentiment of the students and faculty of Hope College thus: "The foreign student experiment has been a decided success. I hope that it may continue for many years to come."

Around the World — Hope's Viewpoint

"A WORLD GLIMPSE"

By Dr. Frank Hoppers '10.

"Give us in 300 words a few of your impressions and some of the high spots of a Freighter Trip around the World." Can't be done! However let us eliminate the flowers and get down to brass tacks as quickly as possible. Let us pass up Panama, Cristobal-Colon, Houston and Port Arthur, Texas, New Orleans and Port of Spain, Trinidad, and finally arrive after six weeks at Capetown, South Africa.



Capetown is beautiful. Not too modern perhaps, especially as regards plumbing which is still essentially British, but the setting is grand and the Cape of Good Hope is superb as is all the Indian Ocean Coast of So. Africa. A 3500 mile, three-weeks' journey by bus, rail and car served to give me a few impressions. The first one of which, is that the Dutch and the British in South Africa, are in their hearts, still fighting the Boer War. The two languages, Afrikaanse and English, both being Official and required on all Government stationery and in all Government business, make it confusing for the average tourist. However, I, being an American and able to understand a few words of Dutch, fitted into the picture beautifully.

The Native problem is the vital issue. Being well disposed towards the backward races, the Dutch and the English are educating and trying to civilize the natives, but they are still making it impossible for them to enjoy the fruits of their new enlightenment. If they continue to do so it can mean only one thing and that is "Machine Guns." And consequently for their preservation it is essential that the Europeans (The Whites) forget their religious and racial animosities and seek a common ground. For they are outnumbered perhaps four to one.

Another impression, is that South Africa is largely unspoiled by the many so-called necessities of modern civilization. The tempo of life is still rather leisurely and lackadaisical. Food and drink are still exceptionally cheap. My hotel in Capetown cost me the enormous sum of \$3 a day for excellent food and lodging. As good a dinner as I ever hope to eat cost me 70 cents in the dining car of the

Durban to Johannesburg, De Luxe Train.

In Colombo, Ceylon, an ardent devotee of Buddha did his best to convert me to his idea of the path to earthly peace and happiness and perhaps a happy future of contemplation. My visit to the Temple of the Sacred Tooth at Kandy did little to aid his cause. Being a Dentist, I would have enjoyed seeing the tooth. I am told that according to its size, Buddha must have been an enormous individual.

Calcutta was impressive because of its filth and poverty. My Moslem friend and classmate entertained me royally but I could not fail to be impressed by the fact that the native Hindu has nothing and must live on it. There again is a potential Hotspot. The Hindus, believing that their spirits return, after death to inhabit the form of some animal, refrain from destroying animal life. The sacred cattle are a nuisance. I was told that the more enlightened Hindus are becoming more practical and are not above enjoying a toothsome goat stew. Of course the greatest problem in India is overpopulation. We as idealists and dreamers may try to feed the whole world but others who differ in humanitarian ideas and are more practical believe that a couple of good famines or epidemics would be the best thing that could happen to India. Sounds cold blooded, doesn't it? But the most convincing impression I received was that happiness for the masses requires only a sense of well being and a full belly.

Calcutta, Darjeeling in the Himalayas, Penang, Singapore, Djakarta and Manila followed in the sequence of my itinerary and finally after five months a welcome home to Los Angeles and the U.S.A. and the final conviction that — Thank God I am an American.

•1948. Allan Dykstra who graduates from Western Seminary this year, has received the Regent's Fellowship at the University of Michigan for the school year 1952-53 to study philosophy.

Alvin Schutmaat at upper right in picture below tells of this conference in article on facing page.



SOUTH AFRICA

By Milton Hoffman '09

The requested 300 word article allows me about one word for every 250 miles travelled, or about one word for every 2750 square miles of South African territory. Four provinces, Cape of Good Hope, Natal, Orange Free State and Transvaal comprise the Union of South Africa, which together with Southwest Africa over which the Union exercises a United Nations Mandate, is as large as all the states east of the Mississippi combined, excepting Illinois and Wisconsin. It has a great variety of climate, scenic beauty, land use, agricultural products and industry.

People make a country. In the Union (exclusive of Southwest Africa) live over 10,000,000 people. The native or non-white population numbers 7,500,000. The white population numbers 2,500,000 of whom one and a half million trace their ancestry to the Netherlands, and the rest to the United Kingdom.

This is the year of the Jan van Riebeeck Festival, for it will be three hundred years ago this April that he led the first Dutch colony to where Cape Town now stands. Later, especially during the 19th century, English people came over by the thousands. While outwardly both groups seem to get along well together, there is no little tension between them. The native people, so far outnumbering the white element, create a problem of fearful proportions. By all means read Allan Paton's, "Cry, the Beloved Country."

In our minds diamonds and gold are almost synonymous with South Africa, and well they may be, for even today the value of gold production alone, which is ten times that of diamonds, is larger than

the dollar value of all agricultural products combined. The richest province is the Transvaal, which is twice the size of Michigan. In the northern section are citrus groves as fine as any in Florida. The rest is largely agricultural reminding one of Indiana or Iowa. Corn is the largest grain crop. Fine dairy and beef herds dot the hillsides. Pretoria, a lovely city, is the capital of the province as also of the Union. Johannesburg is the largest city. Just 66 years ago the first miners' shacks were built where today is a city of 800,000, modern in every respect. The Orange Free State is much like the Transvaal, though with less rainfall crop failures are more frequent. In the Cape Province is the famous Karroo country, thousands of semi-arid square miles where graze some 38,000,000 sheep. Vineyards cover the southern tip right up to the city of Cape Town, one of the most beautiful cities in the world. In its spacious harbor it welcomes ships from the seven seas.

Few countries prize education more highly. From grade schools to universities and technical schools it has few equals. Race lines are rigidly drawn in schools as elsewhere. Education for the natives rarely goes beyond the third grade. There is only one college for natives in the entire Union.

Church life among the white people is very much like our own. The Reformed (Die Nederduitse Gereformeerde Kerk) with its two sister denominations is by all odds the largest numerically. In their churches, schools and theological seminaries the only language used is Afrikaans. English people took all the varieties of Protestantism with them. A good deal of missionary work is done among the natives, though most of them still adhere to ancient tribal ways.

The trip, made via Royal Dutch Airlines K.L.M., was altogether delightful. When one recalls that this company had to start from scratch in 1945, for no Dutch industry had been more ruthlessly destroyed, and realizes that it today stands at the top in its field, one cannot but salute the courage, vision and work that went into the remaking of this fine Dutch enterprise.

South Africa is a country whose problems and prospects are equally great. It is a young country with boundless optimism, so problems will be solved, and a larger future realized.

•1928. Julius Schipper, formerly of Middleville, has been named the new superintendent of Zeeland public schools to succeed Melvin B. Lubbers '27 who is retiring after 11 years on the job to enter private business.

REPORT FROM SOUTH AMERICA

Alvin Schutmaat '43N, Principal of the Colegio Americano of Bogotá, Columbia SA, at our request made the following report of his attendance at the third international congress of Latin American Union of Evangelical Youth in Argentina. Mrs. Schutmaat, (Pauline Loew '43) is girls' counsellor at the Colegio Americano, an American primary and high school with 500 students, operated under the Presbyterian mission. The Schutmaats have 3 sons and a dog.

In December, 1951, I had the pleasure of attending the third international congress of ULAJE (Latin American Union of Evangelical Youth). A hundred or so delegates from thirteen Latin American republics and eight Protestant denominations met for ten days in Buenos Aires. Matters of faith, conduct and strategy were discussed in small workshops. Reports, later to be published, were presented to the general assembly.

As in all ecumenical gatherings, ideas and theologies clashed. Regionalism and individualism, the bane of Latin American politics, were also present. But unlike political groups, this group of Evangelical young people maintained a Christian spirit in the midst of their debates. The consciousness of belonging to one Church, of which Christ is the Head, furnished a powerful incentive for co-operation and mutual respect.

There was only one other Dutchman at the congress beside myself—an Argentine lad by the name of Diego Boongstra, from the Christian Reformed Church of Tres Arroyos. His brother is attending Calvin College.

Our Colombian delegation was small—a medical student, two teachers from our American School in Bogotá, and myself. Two of us reached Buenos Aires by way of Brazil. We spent one week on a small steamer between Manaus and Belén, a thousand mile trip on a most interesting port of the Amazon. On our return trip we crossed the pampas, Patagonia, and the lake region of Argentina and Chile, all by train. Everywhere, whether in remote regions or in large cities, the work of Protestant missions seemed to be flourishing. In all these countries, Protestant churches and schools enjoy almost complete liberty. Nowhere did we find the bitter Roman Catholic fanaticism that has plagued Colombia during recent years. All the same it was a great joy to be back in Bogotá and begin another year's work in our Colegio, which in spite of Roman Catholic opposition, has as large an enrollment as ever.



WHAT A COINCIDENCE or It Couldn't Happen to a Nicer Couple!

It all started last October when Leon Becker, an aggressive Grand Rapids piano merchant, who believes in advertising, decided to give away a brand new Cable-Nelson spinet, as a special promotion project.

Two thousand people who walked past the Leon Becker Piano and Organ Studio on Fulton Street, accepted the invitation in the window to come in and drop a name in the drawing box on the chance that his free ticket might be pulled for the grand prize. Jeanne Ver Beek '51, who passed the window two or three times daily on her way to her teaching job, finally took the time one day to drop her name in the box.

On November 24, the day specified for the drawing, Mr. John W. Davis, Jr., organist and choirmaster of Park Congregational Church, Mr. Joseph Sullivan, organist and choirmaster of St. Andrew's Cathedral and Mr. Becker assembled for the important drawing. The "lucky" ticket had Jeanne's name on it. Mr. Becker called her rooming address right away and was told that within that very hour Jeanne was being married to another pianist. Sensing the drama of an already exciting situation, Mr. Becker called Jeanne's home in Holland to make the day even more of an "ever to be remembered" one.

Some people get everything over a period of time, but Jeanne believes in getting things (can a husband be called a thing?) in bunches. Imagine getting a husband and winning a piano all in one day! Nice coup, Mrs. Ritsema! You did all right, too, Herb!

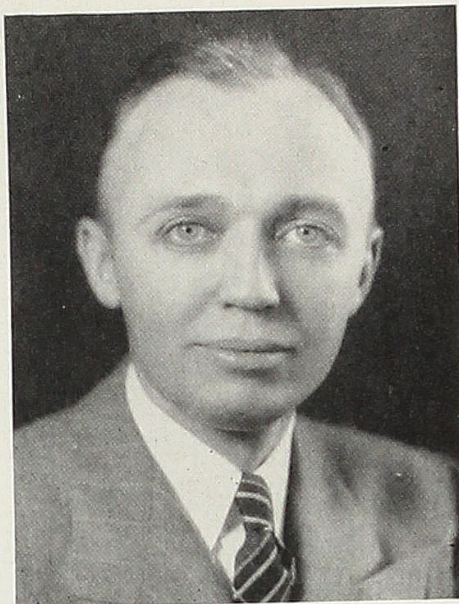
Responsibilities of the Christian Layman

We have a little fellow of two and one-half years in our family who tries to join us in repeating the Lord's Prayer in unison at breakfast. He stumbles along until we come to the phrase "— — — for Thine is the kingdom and the power — — —" and he shouts the word "power" above the sound of all other voices. Then when we have finished he grins at the rest of the family and says: "I 'yike' power." He means that he likes the word "power" but you and I are going to say that we like power too as we consider the responsibility of the Christian layman and we will mean that we like power itself.

The consideration of our subject will include the mention of some specific responsibilities that fall upon the Christian layman. However, we will not come to the heart of this matter until we recognize that our deepest concern is to find power to meet the responsibilities that we sense. It is one thing to say that I feel that I "ought" but it is quite another thing to say: "I have the power to measure up to the 'ought' which I know." St. Paul put this idea into desperate words: "— — — for what I would, that do I not: — — —" (Romans 7:15). He was aware of his responsibilities but he was more profoundly conscious that he lacked the power to meet them. As we examine the responsibilities of the Christian layman we are certain to say — "I would like power!"

The Christian layman has a responsibility in his home. This becomes apparent when we examine what a home is . . . a Christian home. It is not the product of a mere friendly agreement or contract between a male and a female. Christians believe that it is a sacred institution which God brings into being. It is a social arrangement that is rooted in the commitment of a man and a woman to each other that is religious in its very nature. The parties are pledged "for better or for worse;" "for richer or poorer;" "in sickness and in health so long as they live." The basic nature of such promises is religious. No change of conditions is permitted to alter the mutual obligations.

Even such assertions about marriage leave it on the human level and the Christian never stops there. The Christian home is a divine creation — "Therefore, shall a man leave his father and mother and shall cleave unto his wife and they shall be one flesh" (Gen. 2:24). Why?



BY A. JOHN MULDER

Because that is the nature of marriage when the creative God of the Christian brings it into being.

This is only the beginning of the Christian home. The first commandment recorded in the Bible is addressed by God to a husband and wife and concerns marriage: "And God blessed them and God said unto them, 'Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth' — —" (Gen. 1:28). Children in the home of a Christian layman are not ultimately the product of human planning. Any temptation to regard children in that light can be avoided by listening to the daily clamor of husbands and wives to adopt children after their little plans have failed. Children are no mere attractive nuisance that one adds to the home establishment after the mortgage is paid, a flashy car is acquired, every labor saving device installed in the kitchen and the wardrobes completed with enough changes of raiment. When children enlarge the picture of the Christian Layman's home, they are gifts from God the Father and they are given to be returned to Him as His sons and daughters.

When God has joined a Christian layman in marriage to a devoted Christian wife and the two are entrusted with children, the story is not complete. The parents are given the high compliment of being trusted to provide food, clothing, a home and education for an individual of untold possibilities for blessing on mankind. Beyond that they have the

amazing privilege of shaping the eternal destiny of the child. The divine intention for such destiny is that the child shall return as a son or daughter to God.

If parents take seriously their responsibility for the eternal welfare of their children they will be driven to provide Christian training for their children. This will not consist of offering only some formal statement of religious conviction. It will involve a discipline of parental attitudes toward the use of time, talents and possessions. The acts and conversation of parents soon tell children what is considered primary in life. Do those point to money, position, esteem of fellowmen or favor of the Living God as the first loyalty?

Alertness in using the experiences of life to teach Christian attitudes will provide effective lessons. In one home such opportunity grew out of a daughter's invitation to her first boy-and-girl party. A little questioning about the plans for the occasion disclosed that the sponsors of the affair were excluding a young Jewish girl even though she was a member of the group for whom the party was being given. The daughter was asked whether such plans seemed consistent with the Christian training which the home had provided. She admitted readily that they did not but blurted in desperation: "What can I do about it? I am not giving the party!" Out of the discussion that followed the daughter was urged to enlist her friends to join in telling the sponsors of the party that they would not attend unless the discrimination was dropped. With some misgivings this measure was adopted and carried through with success. When the party was over, the daughter testified: "I got more 'kick' out of making it possible for my Jewish friend to come to the party than out of the party itself." It may sound very pious to tell children that the community insistence on racial purity is unChristian but they are not likely to be impressed until they have been helped to take a stand against it in their own social relationships. Family life is filled with occasions to make Christian teaching a living experience and the Christian layman cannot be satisfied with his responsibility toward his children until he makes every possible use of them.

The stakes are high in this area of obligation. Jesus reminded us: "And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck and he were cast into the sea" (Mark 9:42). It would be better to execute a parent than to let him or her hinder a son or daughter in giving commitment to Jesus Christ! It is my personal testimony that the arrival of the first of our children did more to open my eyes

to the responsibility of a Christian layman than any other experience. Here was a completely unique child. No other person exactly like her had ever appeared on earth! She had been given to us, her parents. For what? At her baptism, we were asked: "Do you promise to instruct your child in the principles of our holy religion as contained in the Scriptures, to pray with her and for her and to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?" I answered: "I do" but hastened to utter the silent prayer—"God give me power!"

The responsibility of the Christian layman in the home may be summarized as consisting of putting God first in letting Him join one to a devoted Christian wife in a mysterious unity that only a creating God can produce; to welcome with reverence the gift of children from God the Father, and to train those children for their return to God as His sons and daughters. This is a first "ought." But we would like power to meet it.

The second area in which the responsibility of the Christian layman can be specified is that of the Christian Church. There is no such thing as a Christian apart from the Church in New Testament thought. Any contrary claim is nothing more than a present-day heresy. The Christian layman is in the Church and owes a responsibility to it. What is the Christian Church anyway?

The Church may be defined in terms of its amazing and unique past. It came into being about two thousand years ago in the City of Jerusalem on a religious holiday called Pentecost. It has come down through the centuries with varying fortunes but changing or dying cultures, economies and political systems have not destroyed the Christian Church. This makes it a peculiar organization that is rooted in twenty centuries of human history but it does not tell what the Church really is. It may be old and rich in tradition, but what is it anyway?

St. Paul shocks his readers with his answer. He wrote to the Romans: "So we (Christians) being many are one body in Christ —" (Rom. 12:5). To the Corinthian Church he proclaimed: "— we are the body of Christ" (I Cor. 10:16, 17). And to the Church at Ephesus He asserts that the church is the body of Christ (Eph. 1:22, 23). What do these amazing expressions mean—Christian laymen the body of Christ? Is St. Paul just talking fanciful and imaginative language? Or is he dealing with a reality that the Christian laymen should sense more keenly? St. Paul is saying that what God began in Christ is extended or continued in history by the fellowship known as the Church that is rooted in Christ, not because men planned it that way, but be-

cause God did. This raises the question of what God began in Christ to be extended to all time.

In Christ God began the clear announcement of the amazing news that He loved sinful and rebellious men. He began the comforting proclamation that men are reconciled to God by God and without merit on the part of men. He offered the only demonstration in human history of what surrender and obedience to God means in the life of man. He began the disturbing message that the practice of Christian love will lead the Christian to regard all men as neighbors. He originated the sobering discipline that the way in which Christians live together can point beyond them to the character of God Himself. These beginnings are to be carried forward by the Christian Church, i.e. by Christian laymen.

Some of the practical ways in which the layman discharges this obligation are (a) a regular attendance at public worship; (b) a sharing of the Gospel message by teaching, and undergirding missionary endeavor; (c) a regarding of self as God's trustee of time, money and life itself; (d) a cultivation of Christian character which will turn eyes to God. There are others but no one of these can be neglected by the Christian layman who measures up to his responsibilities in the Church.

The responsibilities of the Christian layman to his church may be defined as including the obligation to join in corporate worship with regularity, to recognize God as first in life; to put neighbors second by supporting the Christian missionary enterprise; to regard all that one receives, be it money, health or life itself as a trust to be used for His glory; to cultivate sincere Christian conduct with the aim of drawing others to God. This is a second "ought." We need power to be like that!

The third area of responsibility for the Christian layman is his daily life. The Living and Loving God whose character and will determines our accountability in the home and in the church is not limited to those two areas of living. This God is the God in Whom we live and move and have our being. He is the God of all life at all times and He is the Author of our responsibilities in the daily pursuits of our lives. This is denied when we follow the practice of turning over healing to the physician, death to the undertaker, education to the school, work to the union and distraught minds to the psychiatrist. The Christian must tie all of these experiences together in a complete surrender to God.

Jesus pointed up this truth on one occasion when He was interviewed by a young man who was troubled about the

measure of his commitment to God in daily life. This young man asked "What good thing shall I do?" He was told: "Obey the commandments." He had done that and the Master continued: "If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast and give to the poor and then thou shalt have treasure in heaven; and come and follow me." The close of the scene is recorded: "But when the young man heard that saying he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions (Matt. 19:16-22).

In daily life too the Christian layman has the responsibility of keeping God first, his neighbor second, self third, and things last. Can you do what you are doing and measure up to that responsibility? It may seem like an excuse to grumble—"you should see my job." Is it really the job or the way in which you do it? Yes, we know something of the responsibility of the Christian layman in daily life. But we would like power!

The cry for power which concluded the outline of responsibilities in home, church and daily life demands an answer. If there is no power available with which to meet such responsibilities, the layman simply increases his misery by having them specified anew. Christianity does not desert men and women in this position of need.

Turn back the pages of history to a time just prior to the birth of the Christian Church. The scene is a room in Jerusalem. The cast consists of Jesus and the apostles. The intimate atmosphere of the room is broken by a question — "Lord wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" Jesus' answer was addressed to the inner circle present but also to his Church throughout the ages — to all Christian laymen — "— ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:6-8). "Ye shall receive power!" Here is a promise of Jesus, our Lord. But how can one receive power?

At this point I recommend a way of receiving divine power that has been proved by succeeding generations of Christians and has come alive for young and old at 4th Presbyterian Church in Chicago. It consists of Bible study and prayer in a cell or group of ten or twelve persons. The entire group prepares for the cell meeting by reading and studying an assigned section of Scripture. A chosen leader supervises the reading aloud and open forum discussion of the assigned Scripture during the cell meeting which continues for one and one-half hours. The meeting is completed with a fifteen or

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With Our Alumni

ALBANY HOPE COLLEGE CLUB

By Virginia Freligh '38.

The Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Coons '41, of the Niskayuna Reformed Church, Schenectady, announce the birth of a daughter, Mary Louise, on December 4. They have two other children, both boys.

The Rev. William Gaston '36, of Wynantskill, has accepted a call to the Trinity Reformed Church of Midland Park, N. J.

The 125th Anniversary of the Reformed Church of Canajoharie, N. Y., the Rev. Corneilus Dykhuizen '24 pastor, was celebrated on January 13. The Rev. Christian H. Walvoord '34 of Holland, pastor of the church from 1941 to 1946, was the guest speaker at both Sunday services. The present church building was erected in 1842.

The Rev. Forrest R. Prindle '41 of Lincoln Park, N. J. has accepted a call to the Church of the Comforter, Kingston, N. Y. Mrs. Prindle is Nancy Boynton '42, secretary of the New York City Hope Club.

The pastor of the Delmar Reformed Church, Dr. LeRoy C. Brandt '24N received the "clergy of the week" award recently, as recorded in the Knickerbocker News, Albany's evening daily newspaper.

The Rev. George Berens '32 of Greenwich, moved to the Reformed Church, Pequannock, N. J. in February. Mrs. Berens is the former Doris Rasmussen '35N. Their daughter, Evelyn, entered Hope as a freshman at the mid-term. Their son, Wayne, is a Hope sophomore.

District Attorney Clinton S. Cole '28 has been elected President of the Montgomery County Bar Association for 1952.

HOPE COLLEGE CLUB OF DETROIT

By Marjorie Lucking French '48.

The 14th annual meeting and dinner of the Hope College Club of Detroit was held on February 22, 1952, at the Nardin Park Reformed Church. The invocation was given by Rev. A. Schutter, pastor of the Church.

Following a delicious roast beef dinner, the President, James Hinkamp, presided as toastmaster. Our group singing was led by Bud Van Eck and was accompanied by Russell Smith at the piano. Graduates of the class of 1951 and newcomers who had recently moved into the Detroit area were welcomed into our ranks and were asked to stand and introduce themselves. We were glad to have such a fine addition to our group.

Thanks went to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Van Hartesveldt for their splendid job on the decorations and also to Harry Friesema for printing the programs.

As a preview to their concert to be given at the Faith Reformed Church on March 27, a trio from the Hope College Women's Glee Club was featured for the musical program.

After their renditions, our guest speaker, Dr. Edward Dimnent, brought us greetings from Hope College and delighted us with his address, "After College, What?"

We were again pleased to have Clyde Geerlings, Director of Alumni and Public Relations of Hope College, with us for the evening. He presented to us the proposed constitution for the National Hope College Alumni Association.

The basis of and future plans for the Michigan Colleges Foundation were outlined by Mr. Simon Den Uyl, president of the organization.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and accepted. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$80.75 in the treasury.

A proposed scholarship fund to be established by the Hope College Club of Detroit was presented by Thomas Beaver, who was instrumental in its development. The President appointed a committee of four to work on this project. The committee included: Rev. William Van't Hof, Chairman, Thomas Beaver, Rev. Allan Weenink, and Harry Friesema.

The Secretary presented the following slate of officers for the coming year:

President—Rev. Allan Weenink '43.

Vice President — Dr. Harold Fairbanks '33.

Secretary—Mrs. Harry Veldhuis (Mae Van Hartesveldt '36).

Treasurer—Dr. Earl De Witt '43.

West Side Reporter—Mr. Jerry Viening '49.

East Side Reporter — Mr. Neil Van Oostenburg '27.

The nominations were accepted, and the nominees unanimously elected.

The meeting closed with the singing of the Hope College song.

GRAND RAPIDS HOPE COLLEGE NEWS

By Irene Lundie Rypstra '45.

Newly elected officers of the Grand Rapids Hope College Club are: President, Dr. Russell Paalman; Vice President, Cornelius Pape; Secretary, Irene Lundie Rypstra '45; Treasurer, Ruth Van Kersen Hoffmeyer '27.

Rev. Harold and Lois Voorhorst Leetsma (both '39) have moved to Grand Rapids. Harold was recently installed as pastor of the Garfield Park Reformed Church.

Arthur Tornga '52, a February graduate of Hope, has accepted a position with the Grand Rapids branch of the Detroit Ball-Bearing Company.

KALAMAZOO HOPE CLUB NEWS

Marion L. Bekken '31 reporting.

About thirty alumni from the Kalamazoo area enjoyed a "Koffee Kletz" Monday evening, Jan. 14, following the Hope-Kazoo College basketball game. The gathering was held in the Van Gogh room of the Western Michigan College Union. Angie Dornbos Donia '39 served as committee chairman.

With the moving of Bert Scholten '39 and his family to Cleveland, Ohio, February 1, the Kalamazoo Club lost its president. For the past six years Bert has been with the Research Dept. of Upjohn Co. in Kalamazoo. He has now been transferred to the Sales Division with headquarters in Cleveland. The group extends him best wishes for success in his new undertaking.

Lloyd Chapman '35 is admirably fulfilling the duties of President until the election of new officers at the annual spring banquet.

Kazoo Hope alumni were happy to have a part in making possible the participation of the Hope College Choir in the Michigan Intercollegiate Choral Festival Feb. 27 in Kalamazoo. Besides contributing financially toward the cost of transportation, alumni opened their homes to entertain about fifty of the choir members at dinner preceding the concert, and the remaining twenty were banqueted at the Bethany Reformed Church of which Rev. Chester Meengs '33 is minister. Those attending the concert were thrilled by the magnificent performance of the musicians under the direction of Prof. Cavanaugh; also proud that several instrumentalists from Hope had places in the festival orchestra.

ROCHESTER HOPE COLLEGE CLUB

By Anne Hondelink '31.

Gerrit Hospers III '50, son of Gerrit and Anna Ameele '19 Hospers, is now employed at Kodak. He plays the organ at the Ontario Reformed Church, and with his father's help has brought from Michigan and assembled in their home, a reed organ. This feat was recently written up in the Rochester papers, since their organ is the only one of its kind in this area.

Recent additions to the Hope Club in the Rochester area are Rev. Arthur C. '07 and Mrs. Roos, who are now serving the Williamson Reformed Church; Rev. Vir-

gil '47 and June Plye '44 Janssen who are at Sodus; Rev. Paul '48 and Eleanore Schoonmaker '43 Morehouse, who have come to the Second Reformed Church in Marion.

Myron (Mike) Leenhouts '31, who is principal of the California School for the Deaf in Berkeley, recently visited his sister, Pearle Leenhouts '27 Beach, in Rochester.

Dr. William Welmers '36 preached in the Memorial Orthodox Presbyterian church in the absence of the pastor one Sunday in March. He is working on a handbook for teaching English to foreigners under a grant from the State Department at Cornell University.

NORTHWEST IOWA MEETING

By Jedidah Ossewaarde De Ruyter '21

More than 100 persons attended the Hope Alumni meeting in the Central Reformed Church parlors, Sioux Center, Iowa on the evening of October 7, 1951. Most of the alumni were from Sioux County, however, some came from Sioux City, Sibley, Sheldon and Lake Park. Del Te Paske '38 had just returned from consular service in Germany; Freeman Vander Ploeg '38 came down from Sioux Falls, S. D., and Dr. Henry Mol '21 and his Hattie '20 made a 300 mile trip from across the state. Yes, it was a joyous and invigorating occasion with much reminiscing, singing and renewing of old friendship.

We were indeed happy to have Clyde and Ardean Geerlings with us. Clyde's illustrated talk brought us most enthusiastically up to date on what Hope College is doing, and challenged us to a renewed interest in our beloved Alma Mater.

The following Sioux Center alumni made the arrangements for this meeting and served as the Hospitality Committee: Alida Den Herder De Vries '29, Priscilla Vermeer Hollander '28, Anna Marie Peelen '31, Mariaan Roggen McGilvra '40, Jedidah Ossewaarde De Ruyter '21, Paul Muyskens '50, Elmer Den Herder '30 and Dr. A. McGilvra '37.

RECENT TRENDS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

By Paul E. Hinkamp, Registrar

According to the annual report of Dr. Raymond Walters, President of the University of Cincinnati, published in School and Society, Dec. 22nd, 1951, there has been a 7.8% decrease in total enrollment in the colleges and universities throughout the nation. This is not as great as was anticipated.

While the crest of the veteran wave has been passed, there are still 300,000 students receiving tuition and subsistence, under the G.I. Bill of Rights, from the Veterans Administration.



Top picture (seated, left to right): Dr. Jacob Heemstra, Rev. Benjamin Ver Steeg, Mrs. H. V. E. Stegeman, Prof. Edwin Aalberts; standing: Leon Roggen, Ralph Mouw and Dr. H. V. E. Stegeman.

Middle picture: Al De Vries, Sioux Center; Joe De Vries, Sheldon; Jim Hollander, Sioux Center, and Arthur Wierks, Hospers.

Bottom picture: Dr. Samuel Aeilts, Dr. Henry Mol, Del Te Paske, Yette Ramaker Te Paske and Hattie Vermeer Mol.

The greatest decline in 1951 was in the departments of liberal arts, business administration, agriculture and education. Here the decrease for Freshman men was 11.2% and for women 3.5%. Education suffered the worst decline, 15.3%, probably due to the fact that salaries are lower in the teaching profession than in other fields.

In the Engineering field there has been a 9.2 increase, an encouraging fact after the recent alarming decrease, due to erroneous statements that the field was overcrowded. The enrollment in engineering is still far below the technological needs of our country.

An interesting sidelight on the educational situation is that enrollment in Theological Seminaries increased 15.3% in 1950 and 3.8% in 1951.

THE CHRISTIAN LAYMAN

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thirty minute prayer session in which everyone participates. This plan caught its first root in college age groups. It spread to the next age bracket and a group of medical students at Northwestern University organized under the plan for weekly meetings. Older adult cells have been formed and the Men's Bible Class has been reorganized to practice the plan. Study of this kind gives the participant a better understanding of the historical setting for the scriptural record and a clearer insight into the relevance of that record for present-day Christian living. It brings back an affirmative and enthusiastic attitude toward the Bible which has been sadly lacking among too many Protestant groups during the past two or three decades. This shared religious experience leads cell members to the ultimate issues of living; petty aggravations roll away; questions are faced and answered; deeper fellowship is found and new power flows into timid souls.

There is no reason to be surprised that this cell method yields new power since it comes as the fulfillment of a specific promise made by Jesus during his ministry. He called the attention of His disciples to the fact that men gave good gifts to each other and then made the *a fortiori* conclusion: "If ye then being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit (power) to them that ask Him" (Matt. 7:11). Here is an absolute promise of an affirmative answer to a prayer for God's power to flow through our committed selves and to help the Christian layman in meeting his recognized responsibilities.

The responsibilities of the Christian layman in home, church and daily living are rooted in the character of the Living God of the Bible. By being made aware of those obligations one faces a sharpening sense of need for power to measure up. At that point one can claim anew the promise of victory that the same God gave in Jesus Christ when He promised to make His power available to the Christian—just for the asking—if the Christian means it!

•1952M. John C. Sloan, Jr., joined General Electric Co. in Schenectady in the Aeronautics Cost Analysis Section of the Aeronautics and Ordnance Division, planning to become a member of the Manufacturing Training Program which G.E. is instituting this year. His goal is production management. He has joined the choir of his church and is participating in the Schenectady Symphony Orchestra.

Necrology

ABEL J. RENKES



Mr. A. J. Renkes '08 died on June 3, 1951, at his home in Morrison, Illinois.

Born in the Netherlands, he came to America with his parents at the age of two years. He spent his childhood in the vicinity of

Fulton, Illinois and received his early education there. He is a graduate of Northwestern Academy and Hope College.

After graduation from Hope in 1908, he taught in Hamilton, Michigan. From there he went to German Valley, Illinois to teach Latin and English in Pleasant Prairie Academy and then moved on to Orange City, Iowa where he taught at Northwestern for four years. He served several schools in Iowa and Illinois as superintendent and teacher for 20 years. He spent the last 15 years of his life in the electrical business.

Mr. Renkes was married to Lena Arndsen of Holland, Michigan in 1909. Mrs. Renkes, four daughters and one son survive him.

During his lifetime in Morrison, Illinois, Mr. Renkes served the Ebenezer Reformed Church for many years as Elder, Sunday School Superintendent, and teacher of the Adult Bible Class. He later took an active part in the work, administration and founding of the Emmanuel Reformed Church.

DIRK V. GLEYSTEN

Dirk V. Gleysteen '91, M.D., died at Long Beach, California, on September 3, 1951.

Dr. Gleysteen was born in Pella, Iowa, in 1870. He received his early education in Alton, Iowa, and entered Hope College after completing work at Northwestern Academy in Orange City, Iowa. He received his M.D. degree from the University of Michigan in 1895.

Dr. Gleysteen practiced medicine in South Holland, Illinois; Dubuque, Iowa; Holdrege, Nebraska; Alton, Iowa; and Lamberton, Minnesota. He practiced at Lamberton from 1911 to 1936. During World War I he served as a Captain in the U. S. Medical Corps. He retired from medical practice in 1936 and lived in Long Beach, California from 1936 until his death.

Dr. Gleysteen is survived by his wife,

Fannie Steffens '91; a daughter, Agnes Gleysteen Fraser of Long Beach; and a son, Graham N. of Plainfield, New Jersey.

CATHERINE SELLES GREENWAY

Catherine Selles Greenway '30N died at her home in Grand Rapids, on February 28.

After leaving Hope in 1928, she continued work at Calvin College from which she was graduated in 1930. She taught at Holland Christian grade school from 1930-32. Her husband, Rev. Leonard Greenway, is pastor elect of Burton Heights Christian Reformed Church, Grand Rapids. He was formerly instructor of Bible at Grand Rapids Christian high school and has held pastorates in Grand Rapids and Grand Haven.

Besides her husband, Catherine is survived by a son, Roger, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Selles of Holland.

WILLARD P. VANDER LAAN



Willard P. Vander Laan '05, retired Muskegon educator, died at Hackley Hospital, February 18, 1952.

His death marked the end of a career which included 32 years in the Muskegon educational system

from which he retired less than a year ago. From 1919 to 1929, Mr. Vander Laan was affiliated with Muskegon Senior High School. In 1929 he was transferred to Central Junior High School as an instructor of science, mathematics, and physiology. At mid-term in the school year of 1945-46 he was named principal of Oakview School where he remained until his retirement last year.

Mr. Vander Laan was a native of Muskegon. His residence there was interrupted for a few years only when he attended Hope College, Western Seminary, and during his early teaching experience in Cordell, Oklahoma, and Cedar Grove, Wisconsin.

Surviving are Mrs. Vander Laan, the former Susie King of Muskegon, and two sons, both physicians and both graduates of Hope College: John E '36 of Muskegon, and Willard P. '39, of Milton, Massachusetts.

The Muskegon Chronicle paid tribute to Mr. Vander Laan with these words, in

part: "Mr. Vander Laan's passing will be felt in countless homes about Muskegon where men and women who had known the kindly instructor as a friend in their student days will experience a sense of personal loss. For that was the nature of Mr. Vander Laan.

"Content to stay out of the spotlight, he worked quietly behind the scenes, always ready, always willing, always able to talk to a student on his own level, understand his problems and advise him on a proper course."

HOPE ALUMNI LECTURE FOR U. OF M.

The University of Michigan School of Business Administration announcement for the 1952-53 season lists the following Hope College alumni as special lecturers:

Alfred T. Joldersma '40, Treasurer, Detroit Harvester Company.

James M. Ver Meulen '26, Vice President and General Sales Manager, American Seating Company.

John A. Vander Werf '15, John A. Vander Werf Insurance Agency.

HOPE RECEIVES ECONOMICS GRANT

Hope College is one of nine institutions to receive a Social Science Research Council grant in the amount of \$5,000.

The committee on Faculty Research Grants screened applications from hundreds of colleges for the Social Science Research Council of Washington, D.C. The selection of Hope College as one of the 9 institutions to receive the grant for the academic year 1952-53, is a tribute to the standing of Hope College in the field of economics.

The research will be conducted at Hope by Professor Dwight B. Yntema '26, Ph.D. head of the Economics and Business Administration department. He will be assisted by Assistant Professor Kenneth J. Weller '48 of the department of Economics and Business Administration.

•1949. Timothy Harrison and George Zuidema, both third year students at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine have been appointed Henry Strong Denison Scholars for the school year 1951-52. Henry Strong Denison Scholarships stem from an endowment fund established in memory of Henry Strong Denison, M.D., 1908. The gift is made broadly for the support of medical research, and the income is used for the specific purpose of aiding "in the training for research of young people deemed by the Medical Faculty to be especially gifted for a career in medical investigation." It is of interest that two other Hope men were also appointed Henry Strong Denison Scholars while at Johns Hopkins. They are Clinton Harrison '43 and Judson Van Wyk '43.

LETTERS



Peter van Lierop '46, writing to Dr. Lubbers from 61 Kozenji-dori, Sendai, Miyagi-Ken, Japan. . .

Picture taken in the chapel of the North Japan College (Sendai) where I teach. It was taken on the occasion of an oratorical contest in English, some 35 high schools of North Japan participating. I was selected to be one of the three judges to listen to 35 speeches, grading for pronunciation, enunciation, delivery and contents. The student in the pulpit is the chairman. (Peter is in front row, seated at left).

As you no doubt know, we have been evacuated from Korea since the outbreak of hostilities in this area. However it was not until last April that we launched into our new field of service among students in Japan here in Sendai, the educational center of North Japan. There are some five colleges in this city, including the large Imperial University. My teaching is mainly concentrated on the North Japan College of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. At this institution I am teaching 4 courses: 2 of which are English conversation, one is English Poetry, and the other one is English Bible. One of my greatest opportunities, if not the greatest, is the weekly English chapel hour, which I am privileged to lead. It always presents me with an unparalleled challenge when I am faced with a thousand or more students, who eagerly listen to a Gospel message. Most of these students are non-professing Christians; many of them are still adherents to the Buddhist religion.

Besides my regular hours at the college, I have four English Bible classes at my home and one at the city YMCA. Two of the classes are for Japanese students of several of the schools in town, one is for Korean students, and one is for College professors and business men in town.

Over the week-ends I am engaged in evangelistic work among Koreans in this district. We are holding regular services in Sendai and in two other preaching stations outside of Sendai, as far as two hours by electric train. I also spend four days a week, four hours a day in Korean language study for I hope to return to Korea as soon as the way opens for our return as a family.

Since the 40th division is located in Sendai, we have also been asked to work with a Service-mens' gospel inspiration hour on Saturdays. There is so little to do for Christian soldiers in this city of many worldly attractions, such as dance halls, night clubs, gambling houses by the dozens in every part of town! I thought you might be interested in knowing a little about the work of one of your many alumni.

Bruno Bruns, USN Chaplain, writing to the members of the CLASS OF 1927 from USNS General John Pope. . .

That June 7 deal really sounds hot, and I'd sure like to be there, but I'm afraid Uncle Sam will have other plans for me. I'll probably be somewhere out on the Pacific, but you can bet on it I'll be thinking about all you guys and dolls on that day. I'm sort of wearing a groove in this ocean these days, for I am chaplain on one of our largest troop transports in the Pacific area. We make a round trip to the Far East about every six weeks, carrying around 4,000 troops each way. Right now we are sitting in the harbor at Inchon, Korea, and the snow covered mountains look mighty cold from here, and are probably much colder for the soldiers who have to dig their fox holes there. We arrived here this morning, and after unloading we'll take aboard about 3,500 men for the return voyage. Occasionally I meet someone from Michigan who knows about Hope, but so far haven't come across any Hope alumni.

It's rather early in the season to write this note, but I happen to have a little leisure time before the troops come aboard, so I'll take the opportunity now to wish you all a most happy time and a successful reunion in June.

Evelyn Wierda '33, Monroe, writing from Pittsford, Michigan. . .

Dear Marian:

Enclosed is an announcement of our latest "Little Exemption." She was born at the Hillsdale Community Health Center. My copy of the "Anniversary Directory" came while I was in the hospital. My husband brought it for me to look over. Since I had lots of leisure time there, I really could enjoy reading in it. The alumni office is to be congratulated on the fine piece of work they did.

Our oldest daughter, Barbara, is sold on the idea of attending Hope and unless her plans change will enter in the fall of '56. It has been interesting to note in the four communities we have lived that Hope has a fine reputation. The clean sportsmanship of the athletic teams is invariably mentioned. I'm happy to be able to say that Hope college is my Alma Mater.

M. B. Lubbers '27, writing to Clyde Geerlings from St. Louis, Missouri, February 27. . .

Dear Clyde:

We had a very fine Hope College breakfast in connection with the Regional Convention of the American Association of School Administrators. Eleven Superintendents of schools attending were: Martin Albers '15, Eldora, Iowa; Frank W. Douma '16, Ottumwa, Iowa; Walter Gumser '17, Lowell, Michigan; C. R. Lubbers '24, Corunna, Michigan; C. W. Lubbers '25, Plainwell, Michigan; Derwin Huenink '26, Chetek, Wisconsin; Charles Veldhuis '26, Hudsonville, Michigan; M. B. Lubbers '27, Zeeland, Michigan; Julius Schipper '28, Middleville, Michigan; Glenn Nykerk '31, Richland, Michigan; N. P. Cupery '32, Shawaneo, Wisconsin.

Others attending were James Ver Meulen '26, American Seating Company; J. J. Ver Beek '26, Professor of Education at Hope; Sandrene Schutt, MEA representative and teacher from Grand Haven; Willard De Jong '30, Department of Public Instruction, Lansing, Michigan; and Dorothy Luyendyk '37, Chesaning, Michigan.

There was no formal program. We just enjoyed a talk fest.



In the picture Chap. Hoffman is shown in the jeep unloading a very few of the many boxes of clothing sent him by friends for Koreans.

Harold Hoffman '32, writing from Korea. . .

Dear Friends:

I wish it were possible to write a personal letter to all who have sent parcels to Korea to help the natives against the cold of winter.

The response to the Korean needs by the American people has simply been amazing. It has revealed to me that the Americans are generous, and always have a feeling for those who are less fortunate. I only wish that you could see the clothes which we have been receiving here in Korea. I know that many a person gave the overcoat which he expected to wear this winter, and many a woman the dress which perhaps had been hung aside as a spare. Something happened to it, for it is now in Korea, and is helping to provide those who really need it.

The Koreans are poorly clad for two main reasons. The industries where clothing was made are now in ruin and ashes; and the clothing which they did have, especially in the Seoul area, was confiscated by the Communists. Many homes are almost without clothing save the few remnants which they are wearing. The other day I attended a celebration of the founding of the city of Seoul and many of the dignitaries were dressed in military issued clothing.

In the light of these circumstances you have every right to feel that you have made a real contribution to the welfare of the Korean people, and they do appreciate the interest of others in their behalf.

Life here reveals both tragedy and faith in a land where the dreadful effects of war stand out in stark reality. There is a resilience among the people which is surprising; and it seems that in the midst of ruin the people still look to the future with hope.

As chaplain in the Armed Forces I am very happy in my work even though it is under difficult circumstances and away from those whom I long to be with. However, I feel that God has a reason for my being here, and I hope that I may be able to fulfill His expectations of me. Living here makes me realize more than ever what a wonderful heritage is ours in America, where we have practically everything we need. It perhaps is true that in many respects we are too utilitarian minded and lacking in the real advance of spiritual culture. However, let us earnestly pray that we may give more heed to the things of the spirit so that we may feel its power in our lives.

Your interest in those who are less fortunate is a good sign or indication of what your dominating motives in life really are. People with benevolent interests really are the salt of the earth.

The Michigan Legislature honored the Hope College basketball and football teams of the 1951-52 school year with this Senate Concurrent Resolution introduced by Senators Carlton Morris of Kalamazoo, Creighton Coleman of Battle Creek, Clyde H. Geerlings '27 of Holland and Edward Hutchinson of Fennville.

